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Revised Joint Committee on Finance

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling
Representative John Nygren

Date: February 5, 2019

Re: 14-Day Passive Review Approval – DNR

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m), Stats., attached is a 14-day passive review request from the Department of Natural Resources, received on February 5, 2019.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Darling** or **Representative Nygren** no later than **Friday, February 22, 2019**, if you have any concerns about the request or if you would like the Committee to meet formally to consider it.

Also, please contact us if you need further information.

Attachments

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February 4, 2019

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The Honorable John Nygren, Co-Chair
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Dear Senator Darling and Representative Nygren:

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m), Wis. Stats., the Department is notifying you as co-chairs of the Joint Committee on Finance of a proposed Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant to Washburn County for development of Totogatic Campground, Phase 2. The proposed grant award of \$241,425.00 is 50% of the estimated Phase 2 project cost.

Washburn County is developing a new campground loop at the Totogatic Campground. Phase 1 included construction of an accessible restroom facility. This Phase was funded with a FY18 Stewardship grant (\$164,320). The proposed grant for Phase 2 would support construction of 32 new campsites with full hook-ups.

Because the proposed grant award is a continuation of the same project, and, if awarded, would result in a total Stewardship award of \$405,745 for Phases 1 and 2, review from the Joint Committee on Finance is required prior to execution of the FY19 grant.

As provided in s. 23.0917(6m)(a), Wis. Stats., if the Department does not receive notification of the scheduling of a hearing from either of the Joint Committee on Finance co-chairpersons within 14 working days from today, the Department will award this grant.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Preston D. Cole'.

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Preston D. Cole
Secretary

DATE: February 4, 2019

TO: Members of the Joint Committee on Finance

FROM: Preston D. Cole, Secretary

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF STEWARDSHIP DEVELOPMENT GRANT
GREATER THAN \$250,000; WASHBURN COUNTY**

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m)(a) and (c), Wis. Stats., the Department of Natural Resources is notifying you of a proposed Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant in the amount of \$241,425 to Washburn County for the Totogatic Campground Expansion, Phase 2. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program is funded under s. 20.866(2)(ta), Wis. Stats.

I. PROJECT DETAILS:

Project Sponsor: Washburn County

Project Name: Totogatic Campground Expansion, Phase 2

Grant Sub-programs: Acquisition and Development of Local Parks

County: Washburn

Location: Totogatic Campground is located within Totogatic Park in northwestern Washburn County on the Minong Flowage, approximately 30 miles north of Spooner.

Project Description: Totogatic Park and Campground is one of the most popular recreational facilities in Washburn County. Park and Campground usage has increased over the years. From June to September, current campsites are booked throughout most of the week. Visitor records show that approximately 25% of campers come from out-of-state. The purpose of the overall Totogatic Campground Expansion project is to increase camping opportunities for the public with site hook-ups and campground amenities. The County received a Stewardship grant in FY18 to construct a restroom building in the new campground loop (Phase 1; \$164,320). The proposed FY19 Stewardship grant for Phase 2 (\$241,425) would support construction of 32 campsites with full hook-ups and expansion of parking at the boat launch. Because the total proposed grant award for Phases 1 and 2 exceeds \$250,000, Joint Committee on Finance review is required prior to execution of the proposed Phase 2 grant award.

Project Goals: The Totogatic Campground Expansion project supports goals of the Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and the following local plans:

- Washburn County Forestry Recreation Plan (2014-2018)
- Washburn County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan (2006-2020)

Public Uses: Totogatic Campground is open to the public from May through November.

Ownership & Management: The County owns Totogatic Park and will operate and maintain the expanded campground.

Timetable: Construction of Phase 2 is scheduled to begin in spring 2019; anticipated completion in fall 2019.

Project Partners:

- Washburn County: Construction management; continued operations and maintenance.
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources: Stewardship Grant assistance

II. PROJECT FINANCES:

Phase 1 (complete):

Washburn County	\$	164,320
<u>FY18 Stewardship Grant</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>164,320</u>
Phase 1 Total	\$	328,640

Phase 2:

Washburn County	\$	241,425
<u>Proposed FY19 Stewardship Grant</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>241,425</u>
Phase 2 Total	\$	482,850

The County has secured their required matching funds for Phase 2.

Total Project:

Washburn County	\$	405,745
<u>DNR Stewardship Grants</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>405,745</u>
Phase 2 Total	\$	811,490

III. RECOMMENDED:

Terry Bay
Terry Bay, Director, Bureau of Facilities and Lands

1/31/19
Date

Douglas Haag
Douglas Haag, Administrator, Division of Internal Services

2-1-19
Date

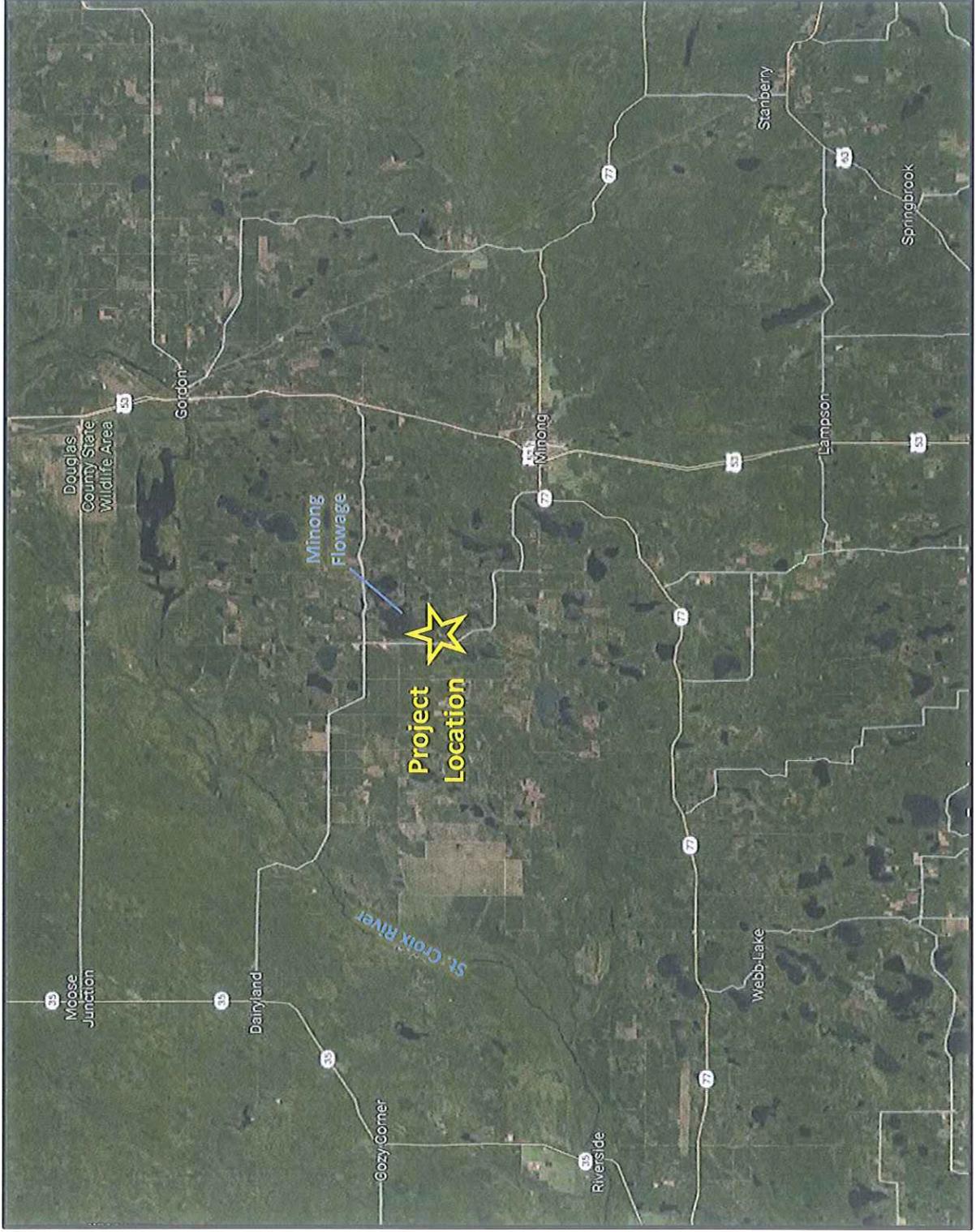
IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Project Maps



Proposed Knowles-Nelson Local Units of Government Stewardship Grant Award
Totogatic Campground Expansion, Phase 2: Washburn County

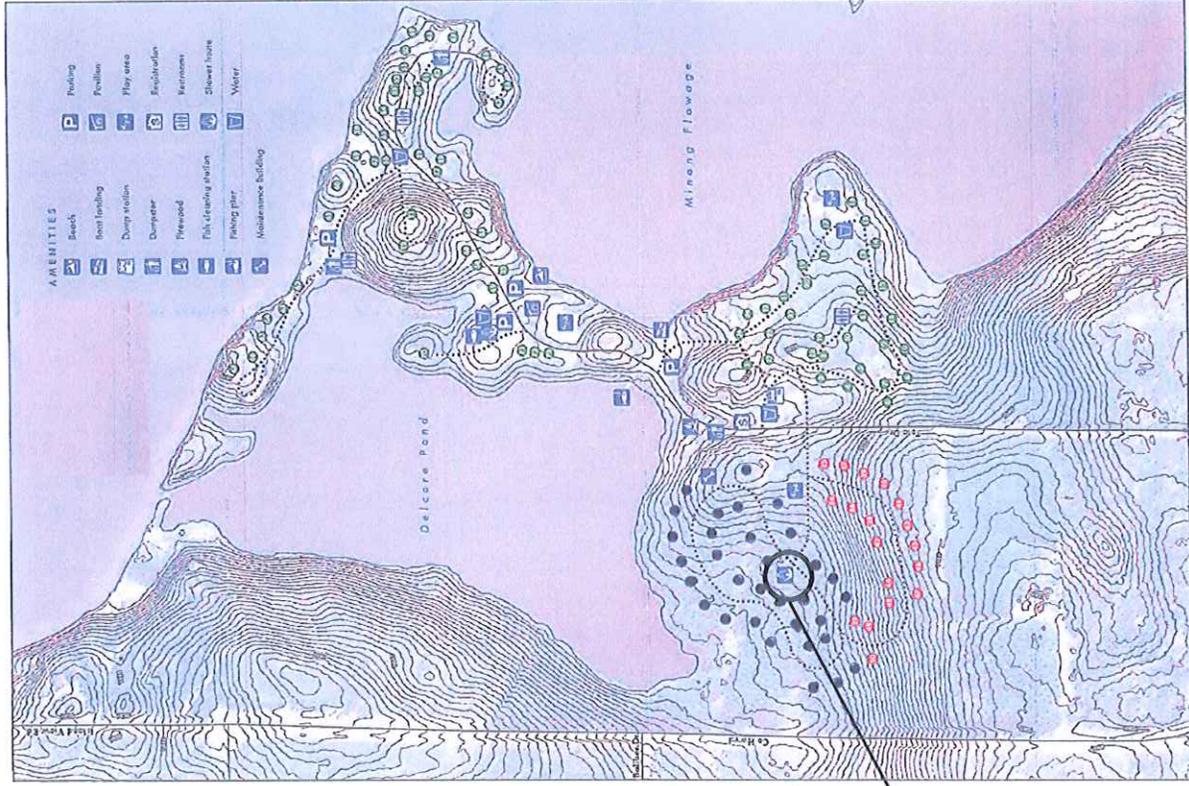
Attachment A
Project Location
Map





Proposed Knowles-Nelson Local Units of Government Stewardship Grant Award Totogatic Campground Expansion, Phase 2: Washburn County

Attachment B Site Map



Existing Campsites

New Campsites (Phase 2)

Future Campsites
(not in proposed FY19
Stewardship grant project)

Shower building
constructed in Phase 1
of the Totogatic
Campground Expansion,
(FY18 Stew. grant)