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3 **RESOLUTION #**

4 **Resolution to formally declare the organization of the Crescent Lake District**

5 Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the
6 Conservation and UW-Extension Education Committee

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8 Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

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10 **WHEREAS**, Oneida County received a petition from the Crescent Lake Association
11 regarding the formation of the proposed Crescent Lake District hereinafter referred to as the
12 "Lake District"; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, the Oneida County Board of Supervisors assigned the tasks associated with
15 reviewing the petition to the Oneida County Conservation and UW-Extension Education
16 Committee hereinafter referred to as the "Committee"; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, the Committee held a public hearing on January 9, 2021 within 30 days of
19 receipt of the completed petition; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Wis. Stat. s.33.25 a lake district can be formed by the County
22 Board if the petitioners for said district present a petition "signed by persons constituting 51
23 percent of the landowners or the owners of 51 percent of the lands within the proposed district."; and
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26 **WHEREAS**, Oneida County staff, utilizing the 2019 tax roll date, determined the total
27 number of eligible landowners located in the boundary of the proposed Lake District was 343
28 with 51% of the required signatures being 175; and

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30 **WHEREAS**, 192 signatures or 55.97% of the landowners in the proposed Lake District were
31 deemed acceptable on the petition sheets provided by the Crescent Lake Association; and

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33 **WHEREAS**, the Committee, after reviewing staff reports, determined that the petitioners met
34 the required signatures from over 51% of the proposed Lake District landowners; and

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36 **WHEREAS**, the Committee's recommendation was to approve the formation of the
37 proposed Lake District because the petition was signed by over 51% of the proposed Lake
38 District landowners, as set forth in WI Stat 33.25; and

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40 **WHEREAS**, the proposed Lake District is necessary, that the public health, comfort,
41 convenience, necessity or public welfare will be promoted by the establishment of the Lake
42 District, and that the property included in the Lake District will be benefited by the establishment
43 of the proposed Lake District; and

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45 **WHEREAS**, the Crescent Lake Association is unable to meet their financial needs to
46 address invasive species control, including Eurasian Water Milfoil; and

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48 **WHEREAS**, a lake district has the ability to ensure that a secure base of partners (district
49 members) and finances will be available to conduct lake management activities to protect
50 aquatic resources, personal investments, and values including property values that are greatly
51 affected by the health of the water body; and

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WHEREAS, a lake district is a unit of government that can acquire financial assistance through grants for lake projects and management plans, and protect lake habitat through restoration efforts.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors formally declares the organization of the proposed Lake District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lake District shall be known as the Crescent Lake District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the boundaries of the Crescent Lake District shall be the same as presented as part of the petition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board Chairman shall appoint four of the five members of the initial Board of Commissioners of the Crescent Lake District as follows:

- 1. Three owners of land within the Lake District (with one being a resident of the Lake District)
- 2. One member of the Conservation and UW-Extension Education Committee (or a person nominated by that Committee); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk shall provide a certified copy of this resolution to the Town of Crescent (the Town with the highest assessed value within the Lake District) to appoint a fifth representative to the Board of Commissioners within 30 days of the Lake District's establishment and in conformity with the requirements of Wis. Stat. s 33.27(2); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution can be provided to Ryan Peterson who represented the Crescent Lake District.

Vote Required: Majority = _____ 2/3 Majority = _____ 3/4 Majority = _____

The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes _____ No _____ as reviewed by the Corporation Counsel, _____, Date: _____

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Oneida County Conservation and UW-Extension Education Committee this 8th day of March, 2021.

Consent Agenda Item: ___ YES ___ X NO

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Offered and passage moved by:

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_____ Ayes

_____ Nays

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by the County Board of Supervisors this 20th day April, 2021.

_____ Defeated

Tracy Hartman, County Clerk

David Hintz, County Board Chair