

1 **RESOLUTION # 12-2011 *Snowmobile Bridge Load Upgrade***

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3 Resolution offered by the Forestry, Land, & Outdoor Recreation Committee.

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5 **Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:**

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7 **WHEREAS**, the Forestry, Land, & Outdoor Recreation Department is responsible for the
8 administration of 391 miles of State funded snowmobile trail located in Oneida County; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin has developed a program through the sale of
11 snowmobile registrations, non-resident trails passes, and a motor fuel tax, that provides
12 financial aid to Counties for the development, maintenance, and rehabilitation of public
13 snowmobile trails; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, Oneida County has elected to pursue snowmobile trail funding by the
16 passage of Resolution # 45/2010; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, the cancellation of a snowmobile trail land use agreement to cross a
19 privately owned parcel of land in the Town of Newbold has cut off a vital snowmobile corridor
20 that serves as a connection between the Lake Tomahawk / Minocqua Area and the St Germain
21 / Sugar Camp / Eagle River Area; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, recognizing the negative impact the loss of the above described
24 snowmobile corridor would have on the local snowmobile tourism economy, the Forestry, Land,
25 and Outdoor Recreation Department submitted a grant application to the Wisconsin Department
26 of Natural Resources (WDNR) mandatory snowmobile trail re-route; and

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28 **WHEREAS**, the WDNR has notified Oneida County that the grant application submitted
29 by the Forestry, Land, and Outdoor Recreation Department for funding to re-route the above-
30 described snowmobile trail by constructing a bridge across a 230-ft wide channel of the
31 Rainbow Flowage has been approved for \$293,000.00; and

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33 **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Snowmobile Aids Program only provides funding for
34 snowmobile bridges designed to handle a maximum load capacity of 12,000 lbs; and

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36 **WHEREAS**, the Bo-Boen Tribe Snowmobile Club, an organization that traditionally
37 enters into a contract with Oneida County to sign, groom, and otherwise maintain the
38 snowmobile trail system in the area in question, has submitted a formal request to the Forestry,
39 Land, and Outdoor Recreation Committee to design and construct the snowmobile bridge
40 described above with a load capacity of 19,000 lbs; and

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42 **WHEREAS**, it is a policy of the Forestry, Land, & Outdoor Recreation Committee that
43 when a snowmobile club submits a request for a bridge to be constructed with a load capacity
44 greater than 12,000 lbs, the club must reimburse the County for all expenses not eligible for
45 reimbursement through the Wisconsin Snowmobile Aids Program; and

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47 **WHEREAS**, the snowmobile bridge load capacity upgrade requested by the Bo-Boen
48 Tribe Snowmobile Club is estimated to cost between \$10,000.00 to \$20,000.00; and

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50 **WHEREAS**, although the Bo-Boen Tribe Snowmobile Club recognizes the policy
51 followed by Oneida County, the estimated cost of the load upgrade for the above-described

52 bridge is beyond the financial means of the club; and

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54 **WHEREAS**, the Bo-Boen Tribe Snowmobile Club has offered to contribute \$3,000.00
55 toward the total cost of the snowmobile bridge load upgrade, which is estimated to cost between
56 \$10,000.00 to \$20,000.00; so

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58 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Forestry, Land, and Outdoor
59 Recreation Committee voted to forward a recommendation to the Oneida County Board of
60 Supervisors to appropriate up to \$17,000.00 to cover the estimated balance of the Rainbow
61 Flowage Snowmobile Bridge load upgrade; and

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63 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors that the
64 County budget for fiscal year 2011 shall be amended to meet all projected costs as set forth in
65 this resolution, with monies to come from the Mineral Resources Account # 55410.493030

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

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

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74 Approved by the _____ this _____ day of _____, 2011.

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76 Offered and passage moved by: _____
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86 _____ Ayes

87 _____ Nays

88 _____ Absent

89 _____ Abstain

90 _____ Adopted

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92 by the County Board of Supervisors this _____ day _____, 2011.

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101 Mary Bartelt, County Clerk

_____ Ted Cushing, County Board Chair