

NOMINATING CANDIDATES TO REPRESENT DANE COUNTY ON THE LOWER WISCONSIN STATE RIVERWAY BOARD

The Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board (Board) is an independent state agency responsible for administering the aesthetic protection guidelines in the Riverway. The Board provides oversight and management of timber harvesting, regulation of the construction of certain types of facilities, erosion prevention and control, and other activities related to resource conservation along the Lower Wisconsin River.

To meet the requirements of Wis. Stat. §15.345(8), one of the nine members of the Board must be a resident of Dane County, appointed by the Governor from a list of nominees recommended by the Dane County Board of Supervisors. The Dane County appointee must be either a resident or elected official from a city or village that abuts the Riverway or a resident or elected official from a town or county located at least in part of the Riverway.

Meredith Beckman is a beekeeper, herbalist, and interfaith seminary student with a focus on eco-spirituality, and school cook. A former board member for the Ferry Bluff Eagle Council, Meredith has helped plan and promote several Bald Eagle Watching Days, Sauk Prairie’s winter festival celebrating bald eagles and their habitat along the Lower Wisconsin Riverway. She also volunteers with Agrace Hospice and Circle Sanctuary Nature Preserve & Green Burial Cemetery. Meredith is a member of the Prairie Enthusiasts and the Sierra Club. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish and Humanities from the University of Wisconsin–Parkside, and a Master’s degree in the Science of Management from Cardinal Stritch University. She lives in the Town of Mazomanie.

Nikki Jones is a resident of the Town of Cross Plains. She represented the 28th District of the Dane County Board from 2015 to April 2020, serving two terms following her initial mid-term appointment. During that time, Jones served as a member of the Environment Agriculture and Natural Resource Committee, and was a champion of the environment, Dane County’s farmers, and rural community members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors hereby nominates Meredith Beckman, a Town of Mazomanie resident, as a citizen member and Nikki Jones, a Town of Cross Plains resident, as a citizen member, for appointment to the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be delivered to Governor Tony Evers.