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2024 RES-178 AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION OF LAND IN THE TOWN OF WESTPORT

Dane County Land & Water Resources Department (LWRD) recommends the
acceptance of a donation of approximately 2.25 acres in the Town of Westport from
Whitehouse Associates, LLC on behalf of the William Towell family. The property is
adjacent to 41 acres of wetlands that the LLC donated to the Wisconsin Department of
Natural Resources (WI DNR) in 2021 which is now known as the Towell Family State
Habitat Area.

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12 The parcel has some woods and wetlands on its north end and sits on the border of the 13 North Mendota Natural Resource Area. It is on the east end of approximately 375 acres 14 of public lands owned by WI DNR and lands recently purchased by the Town of 15 Westport. Much of these lands contain wetlands which are providing bird and wildlife 16 habitat and stormwater management benefits that enhance Lake Mendota water quality, 17 while also creating space for public recreation and trail connections. This parcel will be 18 managed in conjunction with WI DNR's adjacent habitat area and could provide off road public parking in the future. WI DNR and the County will enter into a Memorandum of 19 20 Understanding for shared management of this parcel. 21 22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dane County Board of Supervisors 23 and the Dane County Executive hereby authorize the acceptance of a donation of

approximately 2.25 acres from Whitehouse Associates, LLC and the payment of
 miscellaneous closing costs associated with said donation according to Wis. Stats.
 Chapter 27.03(3); and

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BE IT FINALLY RESOVED that the Dane County Land & Water Resources Department
 Director and the Real Estate Coordinator are authorized to administer the closing and
 the transfer of the above-mentioned property to Dane County, and the Controller is

31 authorized to issue checks necessary to effectuate the transaction.