

# **BYLAWS OF THE THE BLUFFLANDS COALITION**

\_\_\_\_\_ 2017

## **ARTICLE I - Name**

The name of this Coalition shall be the Blufflands Coalition and shall hereafter be referred to as the Coalition.

## **ARTICLE II - Objective**

The objective of this Coalition shall be to develop and maintain a long-range Blufflands plan for the La Crosse/La Crescent Area and to conduct other area-wide planning as it deems necessary. The La Crosse/La Crescent Area shall be considered to be that area which is composed of the Cities of La Crosse and Onalaska in Wisconsin and La Crescent in Minnesota; the Villages of Holmen and West Salem in Wisconsin; the Towns of Campbell, Medary, Shelby, Onalaska, Barre, Greenfield, Holland, and a portion of the Town of Hamilton in Wisconsin; and the Towns of La Crescent and Dresbach in Minnesota. The Coalition will establish an exceptional network of contiguous protected lands and recreational trails throughout the La Crosse-La Crescent region. Our cooperative efforts will enhance the health of residents, visitors, natural ecosystems and our local economy.

## **ARTICLE III - Members**

There shall be thirteen (14) Voting Members including the appointed members from the Cities of La Crosse, Onalaska and La Crescent; the Villages of Holmen and West Salem; from the Town Boards of Campbell, Medary, Onalaska, and Shelby; from the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors, from the Mississippi Valley Conservancy, from the Outdoor Recreation Alliance, the La Crosse County Convention and Visitors Bureau and from the Friends of the Blufflands. All members shall have equal rights and privileges to vote and hold office. A Voting Member may appoint one Designated Alternate, who may represent the respective community at Coalition meetings and vote in the absence of the Voting Member.

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## **ARTICLE IV - Officers**

The officers of the Coalition shall be a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson. These officers shall be Voting Members and perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Coalition. The officers shall be elected by ballot to serve for two (2) years. Election of officers shall take place at the regular May meeting of the Coalition in each odd calendar year.

## **ARTICLE V - Meetings**

The Coalition shall hold regular meetings at least bi-monthly, and as needed. Special meetings can be called by the Chairperson and/or shall be called upon the written request of three (3) Voting Members of the Coalition. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call, and, except in cases of emergency, at least three (3) days' notice shall be given. Any Voting Member may have items placed on a future agenda of any regular or special meeting of the Coalition. Agenda items may be added by the Coalition Staff member relating to applicable Coalition business. Five (5) Voting Members or Designated Alternates of the Coalition shall constitute a quorum.

## **ARTICLE VI – Sub-Committees**

The Coalition may at any time form sub-committees to forward the mission of the Coalition. The membership of which sub-committees shall be established by Resolution. Other special Committees may be created as needed by resolution. Each Committee may enact Bylaws which must first be approved by the Coalition.

## **ARTICLE VII – Staff**

The Staff shall serve as a resource to any Coalition member provided that the assistance requested does not materially affect the staff's ability to perform his or her regular duties. Staff may apply for grants only with prior Coalition approval, and no grant funds shall be expended until the Coalition has approved accepting the grant.

## **ARTICLE VIII - Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Coalition in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws and any special rules of order the Coalition may adopt.

## **ARTICLE IX - Amendment of Bylaws**

These Bylaws can be amended at any regular meeting of the Coalition by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of Voting Members or Designated Alternates, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous meeting.

Approved by the Blufflands Coalition on \_\_\_\_\_ 2018

**THE BLUFFLANDS COALITION**

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Chairperson

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