RESOLUTION NO. ______

SUSTAINABLE ECO-DUNN COUNTY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Dunn County acknowledges the desire to move in a more sustainable direction; and

WHEREAS, Dunn County acknowledges that a clean and healthy environment determines the quality of life, where the environment can support and sustain the community, and where citizens are committed to local and regional cooperation and a personal philosophy of stewardship; and

WHEREAS, the willingness of Dunn County, as a unit of government, to move in the direction of Eco-County designation can serve as a model for our citizens, invigorate economic development and reduce overall costs while protecting the ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, by endorsing sustainable development, Dunn County is joining an international network of Eco-Municipalities and becomes one of the first eco-counties in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, Dunn County has shown exemplary leadership in areas of sustainability such as hazardous waste management, water quality, soil conservation, energy conservation, and land use planning; and

WHEREAS, Dunn County endorses the following guidelines, adopted by the American Planning Association, in accordance with The Natural Step model, to help implement sustainable practices in a comprehensive and balanced fashion:

• Reduce dependence upon fossil fuels and extracted underground metals and minerals;
• Reduce dependence on chemicals and other manufactured substances that can accumulate in nature;
• Reduce dependence on activities that harm life sustaining ecosystems; and
• Meet the hierarchy of present and future human needs fairly and efficiently.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, that the Dunn County Board of Supervisors hereby endorses the principles of sustainable community development described herein, and supports the application of these principles whenever possible in planning, policymaking and practices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that County staff will proceed with the development of a Sustainability Action Plan for Dunn County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that County staff work collaboratively and in concert with local units of government inviting them to participate in sustainable practices.
Dated the 19th day of March, 2008, at Menomonie, Wisconsin.

OFFERED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Steven Rasmussen, Chair

Richard H. Johnson, Vice-Chair

ADOPTED ON:Stanley Anderson

ATTEST:

Marilyn Hoyt, County Clerk

David Bartlett

Francis Eiseth

Daniel Fedderly

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