
Wisconsin Legislative Council



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TO: MEMBERS, JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

FROM: Anne Sappenfield, Director

RE: Department of Justice Settlement

DATE: May 6, 2021

This memorandum summarizes the proposed settlement for the case that the Department of Justice (DOJ) submitted to the Joint Committee on Finance (JCF) pursuant to s. 165.08 (1), Stats., in a letter dated April 26, 2021. The case is summarized below. DOJ seeks approval of its proposed resolution of the case.

REINHOLD AND PINEHILL REVOCABLE TRUST—AGENDA ITEM II

State of Wisconsin v. Leslie Reinhold and Pinehill Revocable Trust (Oconto County Case Nos. 2020-CX-1 and 2020-CX-2) is a prosecution related to destroying a high-quality wetland and dredging the adjacent stream without a permit. According to DOJ,¹ the defendant disputed the allegations, but a resolution has been reached.

The violations alleged include the following:

- Dredging from a tributary that is a navigable water without a permit.
- Placing the dredged material from the tributary into a wetland without a permit.

The total monetary penalty proposed is \$10,000 and includes \$7,151.24 in forfeitures. In addition, the defendants will be required to restore the wetland and stream, and a DNR-approved restoration plan will be incorporated into the proposed stipulation.

Please let me know if I can provide any further assistance.

AS:ksm

¹ See letter from Charlotte Gibson, Administrator, and Corey F. Finkelmeyer, Deputy Administrator, Division of Legal Services, DOJ, to JCF, dated April 26, 2021.