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OUTAGAMIE EXEC STATEMENT ON APPLETON COATED ANNOUNCEMENT

Three machines operational; 300 return to work

APPLETON – Outagamie County Executive Tom Nelson issued the following statement regarding the Appleton Coated announcement of a third machine activation:

“The significance of this accomplishment cannot be overstated. Rarely does a company enter into receivership come out and live to the story. This is a testament to the workers’ perseverance.”

In September of 2017, Nelson, Village of Combined Locks President John Neumeier and the United Steelworkers filed an objection to the original sale of the mill in circuit court. Outagamie Judge Gill directed that a buyer be sought to run the mill.

By year end, 80 workers were called back and one machine commenced operation. A second machine was subsequently restarted and a third was re-activated this week. Around 300 workers will have returned to work.

“I am hopeful that the two-year contract with the United Steelworkers signals some certainty and a long-term commitment to making paper in Combined Locks,” Nelson added. “I will continue to follow developments and do all I can to help.”

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