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You are hereby notified that the Court has entered the following opinion and order:

2014AP2483

Advia Credit Union v. Terence W. VanWormer
(L. C. #2014CV412)

Before Higginbotham, Sherman, and Blanchard, JJ.

Terence VanWormer, pro se, appeals a judgment of foreclosure. Based upon our review of the briefs and record, we conclude at conference that this case is appropriate for summary disposition, and we summarily affirm. *See* WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21 (2013-14).¹

¹ All references to the Wisconsin Statutes are to the 2013-14 version unless otherwise noted.

On April 8, 2014, a complaint was commenced seeking foreclosure on the basis that VanWormer failed to make payments under the terms of a note and mortgage. The court denied VanWormer's motion to dismiss. After a hearing at which VanWormer did not appear, the court granted a motion for summary judgment and subsequently filed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Judgment of Foreclosure. The court subsequently denied a motion to set aside the judgment. VanWormer now appeals.

VanWormer's brief is devoid of meaningful legal analysis and falls below even the liberal threshold for a pro se litigant.² This court will not abandon its neutrality to craft a viable legal argument. See *M.C.I., Inc. v. Elbin*, 146 Wis. 2d 239, 244-45, 430 N.W.2d 366 (Ct. App. 1988). The brief contains an argument section that is approximately two pages in length and comprises four numbered paragraphs containing conclusory arguments lacking any citation to the record on appeal. See WIS. STAT. RULE 809.19(1)(e). We will not search the record for evidence to support a party's argument. *Stuart v. Weisflog's Showroom Gallery, Inc.*, 2006 WI App 109, ¶36, 293 Wis. 2d 668, 721 N.W.2d 127. VanWormer's appendix also violates § 809.19(2), which provides that an appellant's brief shall include a short appendix containing, at a minimum, the findings or opinions of the circuit court, including oral or written rulings or decisions showing the circuit court's reasoning regarding the issues. We note in this regard that VanWormer did not request any transcripts from the lower court proceedings, including the hearing on the motion for summary judgment. Ultimately, this court can discern no justification from VanWormer's brief for reversing the judgment on appeal.

² VanWormer did not file a reply brief in this court.

Therefore, upon the foregoing,

IT IS ORDERED that the judgment is summarily affirmed pursuant to WIS. STAT. RULE 809.21.

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Clerk of Court of Appeals