

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Public Works Committee
INITIATED BY



Benjamin J. Coopman, Jr.,
Director of Public Works
DRAFTED BY

Public Works Committee
SUBMITTED BY

May 1, 2013
DATE DRAFTED

**GRANTING PERMANENT EASEMENT TO TOWN OF CLINTON AND
AUTHORIZING INSTALLATION OF A DRAINAGE CULVERT AND
CONSTRUCTION OF A PARKING LOT ON THE PELISHEK-TIFFANY
NATURE TRAIL AT SUMMERVILLE ROAD**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the Town of Clinton is undertaking road and drainage improvements to Summerville Road
- 2 near the Pelishek-Tiffany Nature Trail [PTNT] (Section 2, Town of Clinton); and,
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- 4 **WHEREAS**, the Town proposes to install a new drainage culvert pipe across the PTNT and parallel to
- 5 Summerville Road to relieve flooding and road damage in the area; and,
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- 7 **WHEREAS**, the Town proposes to build a small parking area on the PTNT right-of-way adjoining
- 8 Summerville Road to accommodate vehicles of trail users who are now parking on Summerville Road
- 9 and causing a safety concern; and,
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- 11 **WHEREAS**, constructing these improvements is a benefit to both the Town and County by improving
- 12 drainage, safety and accessibility at the PTNT.
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- 14 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
- 15 this 23 day of May, 2013 does hereby authorize installation of the cross culvert and
- 16 building of the parking area on the Pelishek-Tiffany Nature Trail; and,
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- 18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board Chair be authorized on behalf of the County to
- 19 execute all easement and agreement documents for this work.

13-5B-338

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Kurt Yankee
Kurt Yankee, Chair

Betty Jo Bussie
Betty Jo Bussie, Vice Chair

Absent
Eva Arnold

Absent
Brent Fox

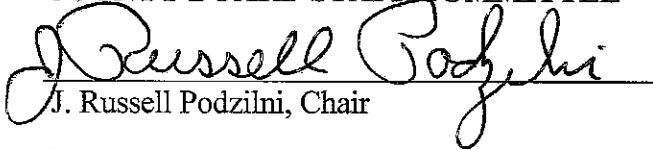
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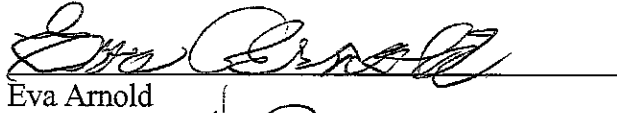
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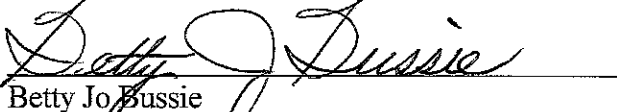

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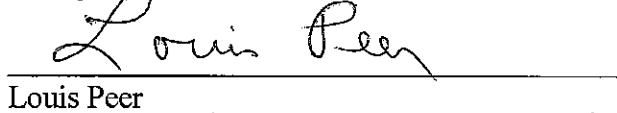

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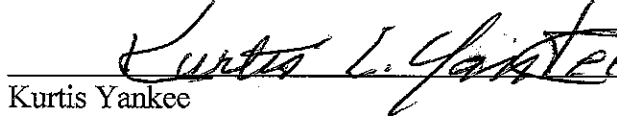

Eva Arnold


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Betty Jo Bussie

Absent
Marilynn Jensen


Louis Peer


Kurtis Yankee

FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution authorizes the installation of a cross culvert and the building of a parking area on the Pelishek-Tiffany Nature Trail and grants permanent easements to the Town of Clinton for these areas. The only cost to the County is for the 40 foot long culvert that the Town of Clinton wants to install.


Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action by Wisconsin Statutes sections 59.52(6)(c) and 59.52(19).


Eugene R. Dumas
Deputy Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.


Craig Knutson
County Administrator

Executive Summary

The Town of Clinton approached the County with this proposed work. They are undertaking the reconditioning of Summerville Road in their town. The work consists of cleaning drainage ditches, installing some new road and driveway culverts and reconditioning the road with base repairs and new pavement.

Near the intersection of Summerville and the Pelishek-Tiffany Nature Trail (PTNT), the Town is experiencing some localized flooding and roadway washing out. The backed up water flows toward the PTNT where it is being impeded. The Town is proposing the installation of a new culvert pipe under the trail bed, rather than the County reditching several hundred feet of its ditches along the PTNT. The new culvert option actually is cheaper and better addresses the problem than the reditching. The County is being asked to furnish the 40' long culvert and the Town will install it while they are there doing their other work on the roadway culverts and ditches. Funds for the culvert pipe would come from the Parks Department annual park maintenance budget.

The Town reports that PTNT users are parking their personal vehicles on Summerville Road adjoining the PTNT while they are enjoying the trail. Because of the narrow pavement width and tight right-of-way in the area, these parked vehicles are posing a traffic safety concern. In addition, the Town will have surplus suitable excavated material from some of the drives and cross roads they plan to work on. Rather than having to take the dirt away, they are proposing to build the base for a new, 65' x 40' gravel parking area on the PTNT right-of-way adjacent to Summerville Road. There is already an existing driveway at that location, apparently installed many years ago by the railroad company when it was an active railroad.

After constructing the base, the Town will furnish and install a layer of gravel to complete the parking area. The Town has agreed to provide the ongoing maintenance, including periodic leveling and furnishing additional gravel from time to time.

If approved, the County will grant a permanent easement to the Town for the culvert crossing and parking area. There should be no harm or loss of use of the PTNT, except during the construction or maintenance operations. Terms of the actual construction details will be covered in a separate Project Agreement between the County and the Town. The resolution also authorizes the County Board Chair to execute these documents on behalf of the County.