

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Public Works Committee
Initiated by

Lori Williams, Parks Director
Drafted by



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Submitted by

April 18, 2011
Date Drafted

AUTHORIZING APPLICATION WITH WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR COUNTY FISH AND GAME PROJECT GRANT FUNDS

1. WHEREAS, the legislature of the State of Wisconsin enacted legislation providing for allocation
2. to the respective counties on an acreage basis for the county fish and game projects on the condition
3. that the counties match the state allocation; and,
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5. WHEREAS, the Wisconsin DNR has unallocated County Fish and Game Project Grant Funds for
6. the South Central Region in addition to the normal allocation that counties are eligible to receive
7. as match for eligible project costs; and,
- 8.
9. WHEREAS, Rock County desires to participate in county fish and game projects pursuant to
10. provisions of §23.09(12) of the Wisconsin Statutes; and,
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12. WHEREAS, matching grant funds are available from the Wisconsin DNR and a resolution of
13. application for County Fish and Game Project Grant Funds is required; and,
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15. WHEREAS, Rock County Parks is interested in developing and maintaining lands for public
16. outdoor recreation purposes as described in the application; and,
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18. WHEREAS, financial aid is required to carry out the project.
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20. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors on this
21. 28th day of April, 2011, hereby authorizes the Rock County Parks Director to
22. act on behalf of Rock County in applying to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural
23. Resources for any financial aid for fish and game projects that may be available and to sign
24. documents and take other actions necessary to complete the controlled burn land management
25. program described in the Executive Summary attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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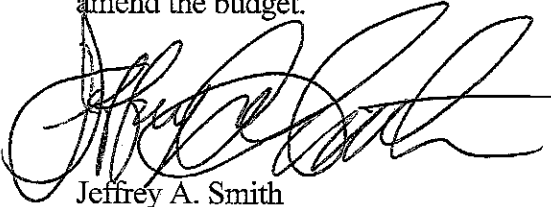
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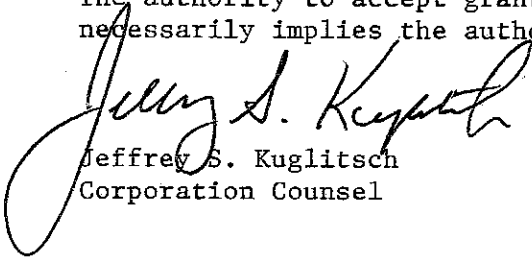
This resolution only authorizes an application for a grant and, therefore, has no fiscal impact at this time. If a grant is awarded a subsequent resolution would be required to accept the grant and amend the budget.



Jeffrey A. Smith
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The authority to accept grant funds pursuant to sec. 59.52(19), Wis. Stats., necessarily implies the authority to make application for such funds.



Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Craig Knutson
County Administrator

– EXECUTIVE SUMMARY –

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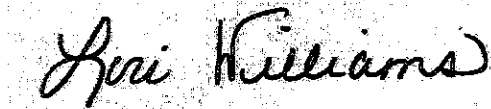
Each Wisconsin county is allocated a certain amount of money annually to fund small projects on a 50/50 match basis. This year, we used our allocated funds to help pay for invasive species control at Carver-Roehl Park.

If a county does not use its funding, that money gets divided between the remaining counties. The Wisconsin DNR contacted me on April 14 with notice that additional County Fish and Game Project Grant Funds became available. The exact dollar amount will be unknown until all other counties in the region respond with their interest for the additional funds. The scope of the project will be tailored to fit within the available grant funds when that exact amount is defined.

The additional funds will be used to purchase equipment to expand our prescribed fire land management program. We already conduct burns in some of our parks, but they are fairly small burn units. By purchasing more equipment, we will be able to safely expand the burn unit sizes and provide better notice to those who live and travel near the parks. We will purchase two large, collapsible, "Prescribed Burn Ahead" traffic notice signs. Other equipment includes wildland fire pants, additional water pumps, fire suppression tools, and a larger water tank that can be transported on the back of the park's truck.

Though this funding source requires a 50% match by the County, all time and materials supplied by the Parks and Highway Divisions, as well as other community resources, may be used as in-kind match.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori Williams
Parks Director