

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Public Works Committee
INITIATED BY



Lori A. Williams, Parks Director
DRAFTED BY

Public Works &
Parks Advisory Committee
SUBMITTED BY

April 7, 2011
DATE DRAFTED

**Authorizing Acceptance of the
Natural Resource Foundation Besadny Conservation Grant
and
Amending 2011 Budget**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Parks application for matching funding was approved by the Natural
2 Resource Foundation Besadny Conservation Grant program in the total amount of \$1,000 to design,
3 fabricate and install State Natural Area educational signs in Magnolia Bluff and Carver-Roehl Park;
4 and,
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6 **WHEREAS**, the matching funds will be provided by staff time to design, edit and install the panels at
7 no additional expense to Rock County Parks Division; and,
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9 **WHEREAS**, the County designated portions of Magnolia Bluff County Park and Carver-Roehl County
10 Park as Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) State Natural Areas in November 2010;
11 and,
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13 **WHEREAS**, the Parks Division desires to educate park users on the State Natural Area program and
14 highlight the ecological diversity and natural resource land management with interpretative panels in
15 each park.
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17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
18 this 28th day of April, 2011, hereby accepts the Natural Resource Foundation
19 Besadny Conservation Grant.
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21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Park's budget be amended as follows:
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Account/Description	Budget at 01/01/11	Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget
Source of Funds			
41-4592-4790-46000	500.00	1,000.00	1,500.00
Use of Funds			
41-4592-4790-69999	500.00	1,000.00	1,500.00

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Kurtis Yankee
Kurtis Yankee, Chair

Absent
David Diestler

Betty Jo Bussie
Betty Jo Bussie, Vice-Chair

Absent
Brent Fox

Eva Arnold
Eva Arnold

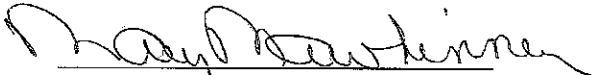
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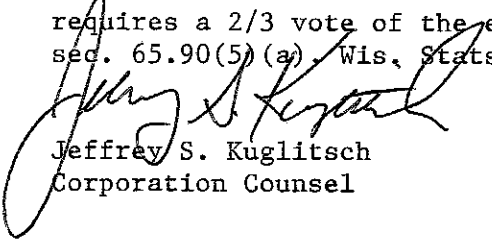
FINANCE COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT

Reviewed and approved on a vote of 5-0.


Mary Mawhinney, Chair

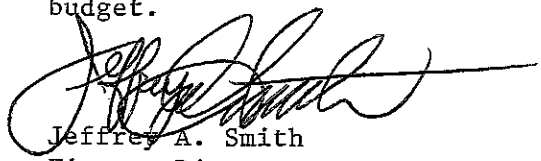
LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to accept grant funds pursuant to sec. 59.52(19), Wis. Stats. As an amendment to the adopted 2011 County Budget, this Resolution requires a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the County Board pursuant to sec. 65.90(5)(a), Wis. Stats.


Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

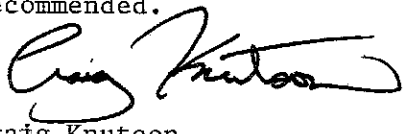
FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of a \$1,000 Natural Resources Foundation Grant for educational signs in Magnolia Bluff and Carver-Roehl Parks. The County's 50% match is from staff costs included in the Park's 2011 budget.


Jeffrey A. Smith
Finance Director

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.


Craig Knutson
County Administrator

Executive Summary
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Rock County Parks was selected as one of 28 Besadny Conservation Grant recipients. We were awarded the maximum, \$1,000 to design, fabricate and install State Natural Area educational signs. The Besadny Conservation Grant is a 50/50 match. Matching funds will come from staff time to design and install the panels.

Sections of Magnolia Bluff and Carver-Roehl County Parks were designated as State Natural Areas (SNA) in November 2010. The parks were selected based on their habitat quality and diversity, extent of past disturbance, context within the greater landscape, and rarity of features on local and global scales.

These signs will educate all users about the rare resources found in each park. Panel topic ideas include: SNA program and why each park was chosen; invasive species removal; prairie restoration; or threatened species management. Interpretive panels will be printed in full color on a high-pressure laminate surface – which will last for many years, even in an outdoor setting.

Interpretive panels truly are a wonderful educational tool, but they are expensive to fabricate. With limited budgets, outside funding was sought to cover the cost of these panels. The panel fabrication is made possible through this grant.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori A. Williams, CPRP
Parks Director