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- A G E N D A -

Public Works Committee Meeting
Tuesday, July 10, 2012 – 8:00 a.m.
Public Works Department Committee Room

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes of June 12, 2012
4. Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements
5. Vouchers/Bills/Encumbrances/Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments & Transfers

PARKS BUSINESS

6. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approve Resolution Authorizing Application with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for County Fish and Game Project Grant Funds
- b. Approve Resolution Acceptance of Rock County 2012-2013 Snowmobile DNR Grant S-4172

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. Project Report
 - b. Janesville to Beloit Bike Trail
8. Parks Advisory Committee Remarks
 9. Next Meeting Date
 10. Adjournment

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Public Works Committee
Initiated by _____

Public Works Committee
& Parks Advisory Committee
Submitted by _____



Lori Williams, Parks Director
Drafted by _____

June 27, 2012
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 to the
 2 respective counties in the state 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, Rock County desires to participate in county fish and game projects pursuant to provisions of
 6 s.23.09(12) of the Wisconsin Statutes.
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 8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____
 9 _____ day of _____, 2012, hereby authorizes the Parks Director to act on behalf of Rock County to
 10 submit a state grant application to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for 2013
 11 financial aid for county fish and game projects; sign documents; and take necessary action to undertake,
 12 direct and complete the application.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Kurtis Yankee, Chair

Tom Presny

Betty Jo Bussie, Vice-Chair

Floyd Finney

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Mike Guisleman

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FOR COUNTY FISH AND GAME PROJECT GRANT FUNDS**

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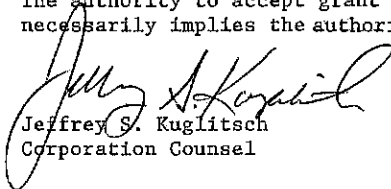
This resolution only authorizes an application for a grant and, therefore, has no fiscal impact at this time. If a grant is awarded, a subsequent resolution would be required to accept the grant and amend the budget.



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

Each Wisconsin County is allocated a certain amount of money annually to fund small projects on a 50/50 match basis. Rock County has been allotted \$1,927 in 2013, but additional funds are available and will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis. Rock County Parks plans to apply for an additional \$1,073, for a total grant of \$3,000.

Parks plans to access this funding source to help pay for invasive species control at Carver-Roehl Park. 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. The Friends of Carver- Roehl Park and the Sheriff Department's Workender Program (people who owe community service) have assisted with this project in the past and have expressed a strong interest in continuing the effort.

The main species to be targeted using this grant is garlic mustard. For the past two years, the contractor hired has also treated dames rocket, and last year they discovered and treated a few Japanese barberry plants.

For the past few years, we have used these funds for garlic mustard control in Carver-Roehl Park, and we're starting to achieve a noticeable reduction of the invasive species. However, we still have a long way to go in eradicating this invasive in Carver-Roehl, so it is imperative that we continue these control efforts at Carver-Roehl, especially now that it is a State Natural Area.

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Public Works Committee
Initiated by



Lori Williams, Parks Director
Drafted by

Public Works Committee
& Parks Advisory Committee
Submitted by

July 3, 2012
Date Drafted

ACCEPTANCE OF ROCK COUNTY 2012-2013 SNOWMOBILE DNR GRANT S-4172

1 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors Resolution #81-6A-038, on the 11th day of
2 June, 1981, adopted the Rock County Snowmobile Plan; and,

3
4 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Preliminary Application for 100% funding was approved by the
5 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in the total amount of \$56,600 to provide 226.4
6 miles of Rock County Trails; and,

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8 **WHEREAS**, upon completion by signature of Recreation Aids Grant Agreements, Rock County
9 will qualify for 100% funding for acquisition of trail easements, bridge development, insurance
10 and maintenance of the trail, payable as follows: 50% in advance and 50% upon inspection and
11 approval for development; and,

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13 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Snowmobile trail provides a needed winter recreational facility
14 in Rock County.

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16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors on
17 this _____ day of _____, 2012, hereby accepts the 2012-2013 Rock
18 County Snowmobile Grant.

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20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board Chair and the County Clerk are
21 hereby authorized and directed to sign the grant agreements and that these documents be
22 submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

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24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Parks Director be named the Snowmobile Trail
25 Coordinator and act as authorized official to file all necessary documents for administration
26 and reimbursement of this program, with the Rock County Alliance of Snowmobile Clubs
27 named as subcontractor to carry out the work of the program (signing, grooming, and general
28 trail maintenance). The Rock County Alliance of Snowmobile Clubs is a 501(c)(3) federal
29 charitable organization. They are in partnership with Rock County to carry out this
30 recreational program in Rock County.

Respectfully submitted,

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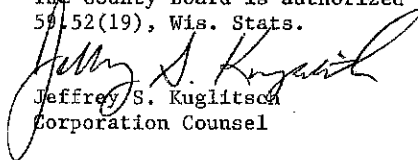
\$56,600 is included in Parks' 2012 budget, A/C 41-4572-4592, for the 2012-13 Snowmobile Grant Program.



Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to accept grant funds pursuant to sec. 59.52(19), Wis. Stats.



Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Craig Knutson
County Administrator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
FOR
ACCEPTANCE OF 2012-2013 ROCK COUNTY SNOWMOBILE FUNDING
DNR GRANT S-4172

This resolution provides final authorization to accept funding for the winter 2012-2013 Rock County Snowmobile Trail Program.

Our preapplication has been reviewed and the grant we are accepting is:

S-4172	Trail Maintenance 226.4 miles @ \$250	\$56,600
	Lease Acquisition (now part of Maintenance @ \$250/mile)	\$0
	Insurance (none)	\$0
	Grant Total	\$56,600

The Rock County Public Works Committee and the Parks Advisory Committee will subcontract this work to the Rock County Alliance of Snowmobile Clubs and they will provide most of the actual labor and machinery to do this work. The Rock County Alliance of Snowmobile Clubs is a partner with Rock County to bring this recreational opportunity to the citizens of Rock County. This group is a federal 501(3)(c) tax exempt and State of Wisconsin Chapter 181 charitable not for profit organization. Any clerical, bookkeeping or field work (including labor, materials, and machinery) by DPW Parks Division or Highway Division is 100% billed. Any time spent by the Parks Director to administer and inspect the work of this program is billed to the grant.

These funds are 100% provided by the payments snowmobilers have made through license and prorated fuel tax payments. Rock County receives a 50% advance payment check after the completed contract is signed, the balance due upon final close out of the grant.

**Current Rock County Park Projects
June 7, 2012 – July 7, 2012**

- **Beloit-Janesville Trail**-----1) Public information meetings held in the Town and City of Beloit.
2) Railroad installation completed.

- **Beckman Mill** -----1) Northwood's trail improvements have been completed.
2) DNR – ADLP and URGP grants and final reimbursement forms completed and turned in.
3) Dam repair done by FBM unknown to Rock County, and drop in water level in combination with heat factor resulted in fish kill. DNR report to follow.

- **Carver- Roehl**-----1) Master plan approved at June 28th Rock County Board of Supervisors meeting.

- Community Coordinator**-----1) Vacation June 11th –15th.
2) Assisted at Health Fair June 19th.
3) Led youth stream program June 20th.
4) Completed Royce Dallman replacement pier specifications, currently soliciting proposals.

- **Delong** -----1) No update at this time.

- **GIS**-----1) Attending Land Records meetings as scheduled.
2) Assisting Highway with map projects as needed.

- **Lee**-----1) New bathroom installed on June 13th.
2) Old Bathrooms demolished.

- **Magnolia Bluff** ----- 1) Master plan approved at June 28th Rock County Board of Supervisors meeting.

- **Pelishek-Tiffany Nature Trail**----1) Charter work to be completed this week.

- **Turtle Creek**----- 1) Repaved parking lot.
2) Consultant completed bid specifications and being finalized for Purchasing to process.

- **Other Information**-----1) Maintenance items in full swing due to heat, no rain and dormant grass.

OUR VIEWS

Bike trail to Beloit is visionary idea

When the day comes that bicyclists can pedal down an off-road trail from Janesville to Beloit, they'll largely have the Rock Trail Coalition to thank.

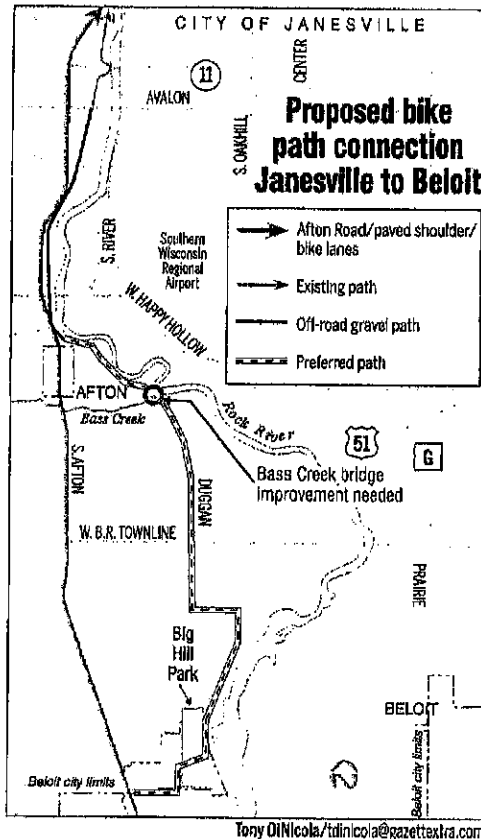
It takes effort, persistence and vision to build such trails, and the coalition is leading the way.

Money is always an issue, of course. The trail already runs from Janesville to Afton, and a consultant's estimate puts the cost to extend it to Beloit's north side at another \$3.3 million. That's not chump change. Coalition President Dean Paynter, however, thinks it could be done for less. His group is exploring the idea of getting a state trail designation that could help secure grants.

Besides that, a parcel secured a year ago provides insight into how teamwork and support can cut costs. The Janesville City Council agreed last June to buy a key parcel of abandoned railroad right-of-way just south of Tripp Road for \$45,000. At that time, the coalition pledged \$10,000. Evansville's Agrecol, founded by Bill Graham, chipped in \$10,000 to further reduce the city's outlay. Agrecol also agreed to invest \$10,000 toward seed to sew native plants. Landowner Mike Morris offered to donate time and equipment to clear vegetation, work valued at \$5,000.

If government and coalition officials can continue to build such support, they should vastly reduce tax dollars needed.

Trail supporters have hosted meetings this month to get public input.



Some residents point out that nearby Afton Road already has paved bike lanes on its shoulders, making the off-road trail unnecessary. Mixing bicyclists and motorists on that road, however, poses safety concerns for bikers.

Planners have wisely altered the bike route when residents expressed con-

cerns about it running through their backyards. Some landowners fear that allowing easements might erode property values. However, studies show that homes within a mile of a trail generally have higher values, said Ryan Garcia of SAA Design Group, which helped study and craft a master plan for the trail.

Someday, this trail will have implications reaching beyond Rock County. Plans call for the path extending from Janesville to link with the Jefferson Glacial River Trail at County N north of Milton. Paynter says officials in Beloit and South Beloit, Ill., are talking about how Wisconsin and Illinois trails could stretch to Chicago.

Some residents criticize trails as frills when governments struggle to fund basic services such as fire and police protection, trash pickup and road repairs. These tough times won't last forever, however. Besides, our communities will need more young, urban professionals to fill the needs of future employers. These educated people appreciate quality-of-life amenities such as trails.

Bike trails can function as more than tourist attractions. Gas prices are high, and while they might dip periodically, they'll only climb higher in future years. Someday, more and more people will save fuel, reduce pollution and improve their fitness by bicycling to work, shop or reach entertainment spots.

Vision today can put in place the bike paths that will prove valuable tomorrow.