



ROCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Airport - Highways - Parks

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Public Works Committee Meeting – Parks
Tuesday, September 12, 2017 – 8:00 a.m.
Public Works Department- Committee Room
3715 Newville Road
Janesville WI 53545

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes of August 8, 2017
4. Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements
5. **PARKS BUSINESS**

 - a. Discussion – 2009-2016 ATC Funding Summary
 - b. Resolution: Determining Allocation of American Transmission Company Environmental Impact Fees to be Received in 2018
 - c. Resolution: Authorizing Application With Wisconsin Department OF Natural Resources For County Fish And Game Project Grant Funds
 - d. Directors Report – see attached
 - e. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. at the Department of Public Works
 - f. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Per Section 19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stats. – Discussion on the Possible Purchase of Public Property
6. Adjournment

ATC Funding Summary

Year	Project	Amount
2009	Community Coordinator 60%	\$42,064.00
2010	Community Coordinator 60%	\$44,167.00
	Consulting fees -	
	Carver and Magnolia Bluff Plans	\$35,000.00
	Smith Road Property Acquisition	\$100,374.00
2011	Community Coordinator 60%	\$30,598.00
	Capital Projects	\$145,000.00
	MB Restrooms \$90,000.00	
	CR Playground \$30,000.00	
	Smith Rd. Study \$20,000.00	
	CR Road Repair \$ 5,000.00	
2012	Community Coordinator 60%	\$42,034.00
	Capital Projects + \$ 80,416.00 carry over	\$64,584.00
	TC Parkway \$70,000.00	
	Lee Restroom \$60,000.00	
	RD Dock \$15,000.00	
2013	Community Coordinator 60%	\$43,684.00
	Capital Projects	\$134,738.00
	MB Trail Improvements \$54,738.00	
	Gibbs Lake Shelter \$ 15,000.00	
	CR Gazebo Prep \$10,000.00	
	WLS Parking \$20,000.00	
	SA Parking Lot \$35,000.00	
2014	Community Coordinator 60%	\$34,667.00
	POROS Plan	\$35,000.00
	Capital Projects	\$70,804.00
	Partial funding of Gibbs lake lot paving, Sweet Allyn Bathroom and ballfield fenceing.	
2015	Community Coordinator	\$40,664.00
	Capital Projects	\$3,208.00
2016	Capital Projects	\$68,962.00
	Partial funding of Carver Roehl Bathroom Demolition of Welty house and other capital projects	\$935,548.00

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AGENDA NO. _____

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Land Conservation Committee
Public Works Committee
INITIATED BY



Thomas Sweeney/Lori Williams
DRAFTED BY

Land Conservation Committee
Public Works Committee
SUBMITTED BY

September 5, 2017
DATE DRAFTED

**DETERMINING ALLOCATION OF AMERICAN TRANSMISSION COMPANY
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT FEES TO BE RECEIVED IN 2018**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, In 2018, the County will receive American Transmission Company (ATC) environmental
2 impact fees for the construction of a new high voltage transmission line originating at the newly
3 constructed Alliant Energy Power Plant, located on B-R Townline Road, and terminating at the Paddock-
4 Rockdale high voltage transmission line in western Rock County; and,
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6 **WHEREAS**, the estimated environmental impact fees for this new high voltage transmission line is
7 estimated to be between \$796,960.00 and \$830,560.00, with the actual fees to be determined by the
8 transmission line route chosen; and,
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10 **WHEREAS**, environmental impact fees collected under § 196.491(3)(gm), Wis. Stats. requires the
11 receivers of aforesaid funds to utilize them for park, conservancy, wetlands, or other similar
12 environmental programs, or seek a waiver from the Public Service Commission for other purposes in the
13 public interest, per Administrative Code 16.969; and,
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15 **WHEREAS**, in 2009, the County Board voted and approved the 2008 environmental impact fees from
16 the construction of the ATC Paddock-Rockdale high voltage transmission line, in the sum of
17 \$1,811,976.00, be placed in a segregated account and reserved for use as a Parks and Land Conservation
18 Fund; and,
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20 **WHEREAS**, the Land Conservation Committee and the Public Works Committee recommends that the
21 proceeds for the 2018 environmental impact fees be split equally between the Land Conservation
22 Department and the Public Works Department-Parks Division as in accordance with the action taken by
23 County Board in 2009.
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25 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rock County Board of Supervisors in session this
26 ____ day of _____, 2017, approves the environmental impact fees received from ATC in
27 2018 be deposited in the existing Special Revenue Fund and further segregates the funds as follows:
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29 50% be allocated for Land Conservation projects.
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31 50% be allocated for Parks projects.
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33 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the allocation for Land Conservation projects be further segregated in
34 the Special Revenue Fund to assure that the Groundwater Nitrate Initiative Project has funding available
35 to commence activities, in the sum of \$120,000, with the remainder of the funding earmarked for the
36 PACE and Clean Sweep programs.

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IMPACT FEES TO BE RECEIVED IN 2018

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Respectfully submitted:

LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Richard Bostwick, Chair

Alan Sweeney, Vice Chair

Stephanie Aegerter

Brenton Driscoll

Wes Davis

Kara Hawes

James Quade, USDA-FSA Representative

Jeremy Zajac

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Betty Jo Bussie, Chair

Brent Fox, Vice Chair

Eva Arnold

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Rick Richards

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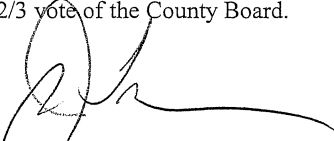
This resolution sets the general use of the 2018 ATC Fees, 50% to be used for Land Conservation projects and 50% to be used for Parks projects.



Sherry Oja
Finance Director

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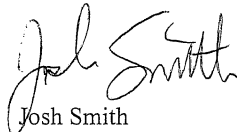
The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to secs. 59.51, Wis. Stats. Action to apportion funds requires only a majority vote. When funds are needed for specific projects, a separate resolution and budget amendment will be necessary requiring a 2/3 vote of the County Board.



Jodi Timmerman
Interim Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

These funds would not be available until the PSC selects a route and ATC breaks ground, which is expected to be in Spring 2018.



Josh Smith
County Administrator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The County will receive environmental impact fees for the construction of a high voltage transmission line to be constructed by the American Transmission Company (ATC). This transmission line will commence at the newly constructed Alliant Energy power plant and terminate in western Rock County at the existing high voltage transmission line. Per State Statute, the fees collected as environmental impact fees must be used to support environmental and/or park projects, any deviation from these activates must be approved via a waiver by the Public Service Commission. Two line routes have been submitted to the Public Service Commission for consideration. The anticipated impact fees are estimated to be between \$796,960 and \$830,560, with ATC's preferred route impact fees estimated at \$796,960.

In 2008, ATC began construction of a high voltage transmission line project in the western part of the County. As a result the County received \$1,811,976.00 in environmental fees. After much debate, the County Board elected to split the fees collected equally between the Land Conservation Department and the Public Works Department - Parks Division and deposit aforesaid fees into an interest bearing Special Revenue Fund. Any project(s) funded with these funds required County Board Approval.

With the precedent from the County Board's 2008 decision, the Land Conservation Committee and the Public Works Committee respectfully request that the 2018 ATC Environmental Impact Fees be divided equally between the Land Conservation Department and the Public Works Department – Parks Division and deposited into the existing Special Revenue Fund.

The Land Conservation Committee requests the Land Conservation Department allocation be further segregated to assure that funding is available for the Groundwater Nitrate Initiative. The Land Conservation Committee recommends that \$120,000 be segregated to fund the Groundwater Nitrate Initiative. The remainder of the funds segregated to the Land Conservation Department will be used to fund ongoing projects; Clean Sweep and PACE.

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

August 25, 2017
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
2 the respective counties in the state on an acreage basis for the county fish and game projects on the
3 condition 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
6 provisions of s.23.09(12) of the Wisconsin Statutes.
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8 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
9 assembled this _____ day of _____, 2017, is hereby authorized to expend the funds
10 appropriated and the funds to be received from the State of Wisconsin for the improvement of the fish
11 and wildlife habitat, and to operate and maintain or to cause to be operated and maintained the project
12 for its intended purpose.
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14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Parks
15 Director to act on behalf of Rock County to submit a state grant application to the Wisconsin
16 Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for 2018 financial aid for county fish and game projects; sign
17 documents; and the necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the approved projects.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Betty Jo Bussie, Chair

Tom Presny

Brent Fox, Vice Chair

Floyd Finney

Eva M. Arnold

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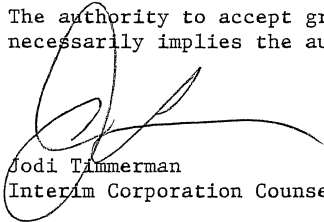
This resolution only authorizes an application for a grant and therefore has no fiscal impact at this time. If a grant is awarded, a subsequent resolution would be required to accept the grant and amend the budget.



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.



Jodi Timmerman
Interim Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.


Josh Smith
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 may apply for a maximum of \$5,000 in 2017 for use in 2018. Parks plans to access this funding source to help pay for invasive species control at Magnolia Bluff Park and Carver-Roehl Park. Additional funds may be available after initial funds are distributed. 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 Multi-Use Trail group and other volunteers have assisted with various invasive species control projects in the past and have expressed a strong interest in continuing the effort.

The species to be controlled using this grant is primarily buckthorn. For the past few years, we have used these funds for buckthorn and garlic mustard control in Carver-Roehl Park, and we've achieved a noticeable reduction of the invasive species. We feel the time is now appropriate to share these efforts with both parks that have State Natural Areas.



Parks Director Report

September, 2017

Projects in planning and or process

Carver Roehl Park

Bathroom Finish work complete.

Gibbs Lake Park

Working with DNR on dredging permits for boat launch area.

Side mount mowing and trail mowing completed.

Magnolia Bluff Park

Working with Mike Riter of Trail Design Specialists on Magnolia Bluff Trail and reworking some areas.

Sportsman's Park

Vets Roll Fundraiser held at Sweet Allyn Park on August 26, 2017.

Miscellaneous

Town of Beloit Easement Amendment completed.

Working with Citizen on Bench Donation for Magnolia Bluff Park.

Working on Carol Miller land donation resolution.