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Public Works Department**



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A G E N D A
Public Works Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 14, 2015 – 8:00 a.m.
Public Works Department Committee Room

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approve Minutes of March 10, 2015
4. Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements
5. **PARKS ITEMS**
 - a. Approve Resolution Authorizing Application with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for Snowmobile Grant Funds
 - b. Approve Resolution Acceptance of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources County Fish and Game Project Funds
 - c. Approve Resolution Opposition to Freezing the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program Fund
 - d. Parks Director Report
 - e. Approve Vouchers/Bills/Encumbrances/Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments & Transfers
 - f. Parks Advisory Committee Remarks
6. **HIGHWAY ITEMS**
 - a. Approve Resolution Authorizing Sale of Easement to Wisconsin Power and Light Company, DBA Alliant Energy to Install a Natural Gas Regulator Station at the Highway 59 Garage
7. Next Meeting Date
8. 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 _____

March 16, 2015
Date Drafted _____

AUTHORIZING APPLICATION WITH WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR SNOWMOBILE GRANT FUNDS

- 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**, Rock County desires to participate in snowmobile grant funded projects pursuant to
- 5 provisions of s.23.09(11) of the Wisconsin Statutes; and,
- 6
- 7 **WHEREAS**, grant funds are available from the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural
- 8 Resources (DNR) and a resolution of application for Snowmobile Grant Funds is required; and,
- 9
- 10 **WHEREAS**, Rock County is interested in operating the snowmobile trail for public outdoor
- 11 recreation purposes as described in the application; and,
- 12
- 13 **WHEREAS**, financial aid is required to carry out the project.
- 14
- 15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors on this
- 16 _____ day of _____, 2015, hereby authorizes Lori Williams, Parks Director, Parks
- 17 Division-Public Works Department, to act on behalf of Rock County to submit an application to
- 18 the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for financial aid for Snowmobile Grant
- 19 Funds that may be available.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Betty Jo Bussie, Chair

Tom Presny

Brent Fox, Vice Chair

Floyd Finney

Eva M. Arnold

Dean Paynter

Brenton Driscoll

Rick Richard

AUTHORIZING APPLICATION WITH WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
FOR SNOWMOBILE GRANT FUNDS

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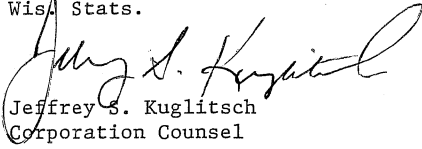
This resolution only authorizes an application for a grant and therefore has no fiscal impact at this time. If a grant is awarded, a subsequent resolution would be required to accept the grant and amend the budget.



Sherry Oja
Finance Director

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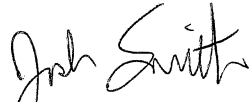
The County Board is authorized to accept grant funds pursuant to sec. 59.52(19),
Wis. Stats.



Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Josh Smith
County Administrator

- EXECUTIVE SUMMARY -
AUTHORIZING APPLICATION WITH
WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
FOR SNOWMOBILE GRANT FUNDS

This resolution provides authorization to apply for funding for the 2015-2016 Rock County Snowmobile Trail Program.

The DNR Snowmobile Grant of \$56,600 would cover 226.4 miles of trail. The snowmobile trail project is 100% grant funded. Any field work (includes labor, materials, and machinery) by DPW Parks Division or Highway Division is 100% billed back to the grant. The area Snowmobile Alliance provides trail signage and grooming and is reimbursed for those services after the county costs are covered.

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.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AGENDA NO. _____

**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

March 26, 2015 _____
Date Drafted

**ACCEPTANCE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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 that state on an acreage basis for the county fish and game projects,
3 including conservation of resources and habitat, on the condition that the counties match the state
4 allocation; and
5

6 **WHEREAS**, Rock County made application to participate in unallocated county fish and game
7 projects pursuant to provisions of s.23.09(12) of the Wisconsin Statutes and as authorized by county
8 board resolution 13-9A-402; and
9

10 **WHEREAS**, matching grant funds totaling \$2,600 are available from the Wisconsin DNR and a
11 resolution accepting the same is required; and
12

13 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
14 assembled this _____ day of _____, 2015 does hereby approve the acceptance of these funds.
15

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Parks Director be hereby authorized and directed to sign
17 the grant agreements and that these documents be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Natural
18 Resources.
19

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Parks Director be authorized to file all necessary
21 documents for administration and reimbursement of this program.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Betty Jo Bussie, Chair

Brent Fox, Vice Chair

Eva M. Arnold

Brenton Driscoll

Rick Richard

ACCEPTANCE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES COUNTY
FISH AND GAME PROJECT GRANT FUNDS

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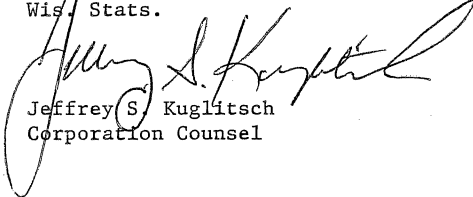
This resolution authorizes the acceptance of \$2,600 in State Aid for the County Fish and Game program. The 50% match requirement will be met using in-kind sources.



Sherry Oja
Finance Director

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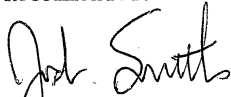
The County Board is authorized to accept grant funds pursuant to sec. 59.52(19),
Wis. Stats.



Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Josh Smith
County Administrator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
ACCEPTANCE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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. This year we will use our \$2,600 of allocated funds to help pay for invasive species control at Magnolia Bluff Park, which will include expanding our annual herbicide treatment and prescribed burn land management programs.

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 by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori Williams".

Lori Williams, Director
Rock County Parks

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AGENDA NO. _____

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Public Works Committee
INITIATED BY



Lori Williams and
Thomas Sweeney
DRAFTED BY

Public Works Committee,
Land Conservation Committee and
Planning and Development
Committee
SUBMITTED BY

March 13, 2015
DATE DRAFTED

Opposition to Freezing the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program Fund

1 **WHEREAS**, the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program has been providing money to the state, local
2 governments, land trusts and other non-profits (NGOs) to purchase and protect land since 1989. It has
3 helped protect more than 500,000 acres. These lands benefit all of us in Wisconsin by providing jobs,
4 supporting local economies, protecting our water resources & air quality, promoting tourism & healthy
5 lifestyles, guaranteeing places to hunt, hike, fish and explore close to home; and,
6

7 **WHEREAS**, the Public Works Parks Division has utilized the stewardship fund in the recent past as an
8 alternative funding source for various park projects and planned to utilize this fund for future park
9 projects within Rock County. Past and future projects included or would include land acquisition and
10 park development projects; and,
11

12 **WHEREAS**, the Land Conservation Department (LCD) identified the stewardship fund as an
13 alternative funding source for the Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easement (PACE) Program
14 for lands that fell within the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) leased Public Hunting Program
15 areas located in Rock County; and,
16

17 **WHEREAS**, the LCD and DNR were committed to the development of a partnership for protecting
18 the working lands of Rock County, through the PACE Program, while facilitating DNR interests of
19 increasing public access opportunities within the public hunting areas; and,
20

21 **WHEREAS**, the proposed freeze on the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program Fund dissolves this
22 partnership, slows the progress of protecting working lands and slows the ability of the DNR increasing
23 public access to private lands for hunting and fishing opportunities; and,
24

25 **WHEREAS**, the Planning & Development Committee recommended and the County Board adopted
26 policies in the Rock County Comprehensive Plan 2035 to protect agricultural and natural resources
27 with viable and useful implementing tools such as the stewardship fund; and,
28

29 **WHEREAS**, the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program Fund has been used by land trusts and other
30 NGOs to purchase conservation easements in Rock County for the protection of working lands and
31 natural areas; and,
32

33 **WHEREAS**, the Public Works Committee, the Land Conservation Committee, and Planning and
34 Development Committee have stated their opposition to freezing the stewardship funds as identified in
35 the Governor's proposed 2015-2017 budget.
36

37 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
38 this _____ day of _____, 2015, urges Governor Scott Walker to reconsider the proposed
39 freeze to the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund and requests the Wisconsin State Senate and Assembly
40 to take action which maintains the stewardship fund in its entirety; and,
41

42 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk forward this Resolution to Wisconsin Governor
43 Scott Walker; Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, Cathy Stepp; Senator Janis Ringhand;
44 Senator Steve Nass; Representative Mark Speitzer; Representative Andy Jorgensen; Representative Deb
45 Kolste; and Representative Amy Loudbeck.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Betty Jo Bussie, Chair

Eva Arnold

Brenton Driscoll

Brent Fox

Rick Richard

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Alan Sweeney, Chair

Wes Davis
Wes Davis

Wayne Gustina

Jason Heidenreich

Mary Mawhinney

FISCAL NOTE:

No fiscal impact.

Sherry Oja

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

Advisory only.

Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Rich Bostwick, Chair

Thomas J. Brien

Wes Davis

Jason Dowd

David Rebut, FSA Representative

Alan Sweeney

Larry Wiedenfeld

Jeremy Zajac

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Matter of policy.

Josh Smith

Josh Smith
County Administrator

Opposition to Freezing the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program Fund

Executive Summary

Governor Walker has proposed to freeze the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program Fund until 2023, as introduced in the 2015 – 2017 State Budget proposal. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program Fund is available each year in the form of grants to local units of government and nonprofit conservation organizations. These grants help fund land acquisition and recreational development statewide. This fund has helped protect over 500,000 acres of natural areas and working lands since its inception in 1989. Rock County, local units of government and nonprofit conservation organizations have relied on the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program Fund to provide critical financial support for past, present and future projects.

The Rock County Public Works Department Parks Division has utilized this fund for park improvement projects and to add land to the County Park System. The Parks Division was granted funds from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program Funds to complete many of the projects in the Beckman Mill County Park. All projects are outlined in the County's Park Revitalization Plan. By securing this funding the Park Division was able to secure funding from additional grant sources and matching County funds. As a direct result of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship funds, the vast network of volunteers associated with this park provided in-kind contributions that led to the completion of projects making this park what it is today.

In addition the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program Funds were utilized by nonprofit conservation organizations such as the Green-Rock Audubon Society for the purchase of lands in the Town of Newark on the East Branch of Raccoon Creek. The lands have had extensive work completed by volunteers resulting in a beautiful natural area. Another example of NGOs working in Rock County is the Natural Heritage Land Trust used these funds to facilitate the acquisition of land adjacent to the DNR's Avon Bottoms Wildlife Area in Avon Township.

The Rock County Land Conservation Department has been working with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to develop a formal partnership to preserve productive agricultural lands in conjunction with providing recreational access (hunting) in the proximity of Evansville, Footville, and Orfordville. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program Fund would have been used to reduce the County's fiscal exposure as it relates to the Purchase of Agriculture Conservation Easements (PACE).

The Rock County Comprehensive Plan 2035 directs the County to ensure the viability of agricultural and natural resources. Adopted policies were designed to support efforts to preserve and protect these important regional elements including seek funding opportunities through partnerships.

As stated earlier, the proposal as submitted by Governor Walker in the 2015 – 2017 State Budget, is to freeze this fund until 2023. The Public Works, Land Conservation, and Planning and Development Committees have discussed this issue and are opposed to the proposal.

This resolution is advisory in nature.

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Ben Coopman, Dir. of Public Works
INITIATED BY

Public Works Committee
SUBMITTED BY



Ben Coopman, Dir. of Public Works
DRAFTED BY

April 6, 2015
DATE DRAFTED

**AUTHORIZING SALE OF EASEMENT TO WISCONSIN POWER AND LIGHT
COMPANY, DBA ALLIANT ENERGY TO INSTALL A NATURAL GAS
REGULATOR STATION AT THE HIGHWAY 59 GARAGE**

1 **WHEREAS**, Rock County owns parcel 6-6-23.1 located at the northeast quadrant of the
2 intersection of State Trunk Highway 59 and N. Sherman Road in the Town of Fulton, Rock County,
3 Wisconsin; and,
4

5 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin Power and Light Company is seeking a permanent easement for a natural
6 gas regulator station to be installed in the southwest corner of said parcel; and,
7

8 **WHEREAS**, this agreement will create a permanent easement for the natural gas regulator station,
9 as stated, and provide compensation of \$851.50 to Rock County for this easement on 0.011 acres in
10 the southwest corner of said parcel.
11

12 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Rock County Board of Supervisors assembled
13 this _____ day of _____, 2015, that the County Board Chair and County Clerk are
14 authorized to sign the agreement for right of way and easement with Wisconsin Power and Light
15 Company.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE

Betty Jo Bussie, Chair

J. Russell Podzilni, Chair

Brent Fox, Vice Chair

Sandra Kraft, Vice Chair

Eva M. Arnold

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Betty Jo Bussie

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Mary Mawhinney

Louis Peer

Terry Thomas

AUTHORIZING SALE OF EASEMENT TO WISCONSIN POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY,
DBA ALLIANT ENERGY TO INSTALL A NATURAL GAS REGULATOR STATION AT THE
HIGHWAY 59 GARAGE

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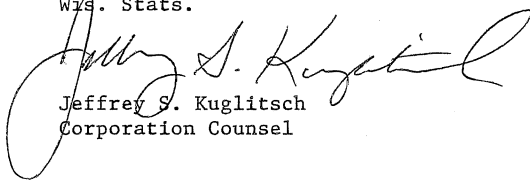
This resolution authorizes an easement on a corner of Rock County owned land where the Highway 59 garage and salt shed are located. The Wisconsin Power and Light Company will pay the County \$851.50 for this easement.



Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to §59.01 & 59.51,
Wis. Stats.



Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Josh Smith
County Administrator

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
AUTHORIZING SALE OF EASEMENT TO WISCONSIN POWER AND LIGHT
COMPANY, DBA ALLIANT ENERGY TO INSTALL A NATURAL GAS
REGULATOR STATION AT THE HIGHWAY 59 GARAGE

The Rock County Public Works Department received a request from Wisconsin Power and Light Company to obtain a permanent easement for the installation of a natural gas regulator station. The proposed easement is in the southwest corner of a Rock County owned parcel, where the Highway 59 Garage and salt storage are located.

With the upcoming I-39/90 road construction work at the State Trunk Highway 59 (STH 59) interchange, Wisconsin Power and Light needs to relocate their existing natural gas regulator station located south of STH 59 at the intersection of N. Hemenway Lane and STH 59. This regulator station provides service to the area west of I-39/90 from a main gas line located there. Wisconsin Power and Light is proposing the installation of a new natural gas regulator station in order to maintain service to the areas previously mentioned. The easement is 12 feet by 20 feet (0.011 Acres).

The regulator station should not interfere with current or future operations of the Department of Public Works at the 1.0 acre site.

Wisconsin Power and Light is agreeable to compensating Rock County \$851.50 for the easement. This value is based on land value information obtained from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.