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RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Lori Williams, Parks Director   Lori Williams, Parks Director
INITIATED BY   DRAFTED BY

Public Works Committee   September 1, 2010
SUBMITTED BY   DATE DRAFTED

Recognizing Efforts of the Friends of Beckman Mill, Incorporated, at Beckman Mill County Park on Their 20th Anniversary

1   **WHEREAS,** the Rock County Board of Supervisors entered into a long-term agreement in 1991 with the
2   Friends of Beckman Mill, Incorporated, to do historical restoration and development work at Beckman Mill
3   County Park; and,
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5   **WHEREAS,** the Friends of Beckman Mill are celebrating their 20th anniversary as an organization; and,
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7   **WHEREAS,** the Friends of Beckman Mill have restored the historic Howe-Beckman Mill, the cooperage,
8   and constructed a creamery, a visitors' center and a barn, as well as reconstructed the spillway (mill pond
9   dam) and fish passage on the West Fork of Raccoon Creek; and,
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11   **WHEREAS,** the Friends of Beckman Mill have "compounded" grant dollars provided by Rock County and
12   have secured and utilized grants from: Wisconsin DNR River Protection Grant, Whitetails Unlimited,
13   Ressler Mill Foundation, Beloit Foundation, Janesville Foundation, Kohler Foundation, Harnischfeger, Inc.,
14   Lutheran Brotherhood, Questers, Greater Beloit Community Foundation, Ashcraft Foundation, Wisconsin
15   Power and Light and the Society for the Preservation of Old Mills; and,
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17   **WHEREAS,** the Friends of Beckman Mill make the substantial donation of volunteer labor and donated
18   machinery used in carrying forward these efforts, and showcasing the Park as caregivers and docents; and,
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20   **WHEREAS,** in 2010, the restored Beckman Mill Park is a one-of-a-kind destination of historical
21   significance in Rock County that serves as the host site for numerous annual activities and events.
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23   **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
24   this _23rd_ day of _September_ , 2010, hereby recognizes the Friends of Beckman Mill on their
25   20th anniversary and extends their congratulations and gratitude on the outstanding volunteer work and
26   restoration efforts and looks forward to a continued partnership in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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- Executive Summary -
Commending Efforts of the Friends of Beckman Mill, Incorporated,
at Beckman Mill County Park on Their 20th Anniversary

Rock County started its long-term relationship with the Friends of Beckman Mill, Incorporated, June 1, 1991. The first lease agreement expired in May 2001 and was renewed through 2013.

The Friends of Beckman Mill, Incorporated, have vigorously pursued other grant funding sources and have successfully been awarded well over $100,000 in grant funds from various organizations. Such organizations have included Society for the Preservation of Old Mills (SPOOM), Wisconsin Power & Light, Ashcraft Foundation, Greater Beloit Community Foundation, Questers, Lutheran Brotherhood, Harnischfeger, Inc., Kohler Foundation, Janesville Foundation, Beloit Foundation, Ressler Mill Foundation, Wisconsin DNR, and Whitetails Unlimited.

The Friends have restored the Howe-Beckman Mill, the cooperage, and constructed a creamery, a visitors' center, and a barn and reconstructed the spillway (mill pond dam) and fish passage on the West Fork of Raccoon Creek.

Each year, the Friends of Beckman Mill, Incorporated, have also held numerous fund raising activities bringing many people to visit this park. They also give tours of the Park and do many hours of volunteer maintenance of the mill, buildings and grounds.

We look forward to a continued successful partnership with a truly exemplary and outstanding group of volunteers.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Williams
Parks Director