

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Public Works Committee

Initiated by

Public Works Committee

& Parks Advisory Committee

Submitted by



John Traynor, Parks Manager

Drafted by

September 27, 2019

Date Drafted

AUTHORIZING APPLICATION WITH WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR COUNTY CONSERVATION AIDS APPLICATION 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 wildlife habitat projects
- 3 on the condition that the counties match the state allocation; and
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- 5 **WHEREAS**, Rock County desires to participate in county fish and wildlife habitat projects pursuant
- 6 to 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, this 10th
- 9 day of October, 2019, does hereby authorize to expend the funds appropriated and the funds to
- 10 be received from the State of Wisconsin for the improvement of the fish and wildlife habitat projects,
- 11 and to operate and maintain or to cause to be operated and maintained the project for its intended
- 12 purpose.
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- 14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Parks
- 15 Manager to act on behalf of Rock County to submit a state grant application to the Wisconsin
- 16 Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for 2019 financial aid for county fish and wildlife habitat
- 17 projects; sign documents; and the necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the approved
- 18 projects.

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Respectfully submitted,

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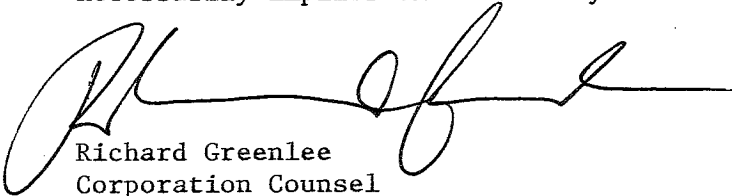
This resolution only authorizes an application for a grant and therefore has no fiscal impact at this time. If a grant is awarded, a subsequent resolution would be required to accept the grant and amend the budget.



Sherry Oja
Finance Director

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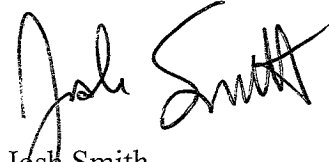
The authority to accept grant funds pursuant to sec. 59.52(19), Wis. Stats., necessarily implies the authority to make application for such funds.



Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Josh Smith
County Administrator

- EXECUTIVE SUMMARY -

**AUTHORIZING APPLICATION WITH
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COUNTY CONSERVATION AIDS 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 \$1,927 in 2019 for use from October 1, 2019 – June 30, 2021. Additional funds may be available after initial funds are distributed. Grant funds unclaimed by a county by the October 1st deadline will first be reallocated to other counties in the same DNR region that have requested additional project funds. 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.

Rock County Parks plans to use this funding source to help pay for a (kayak/canoe) boat launch at Murwin Park. Kayaking has become a popular activity in Rock County. A boat launch at Murwin Park was recommended in the 2015-2020 Rock County, Wisconsin Parks, Outdoor Recreation and Open Space (POROS) Plan. Murwin Park is located approximately 11 miles northwest from the City of Janesville. This 40+ acre park encloses a substantial amount of shoreline of the Yahara River at the Village of Fulton. A boat launch would improve river access due to an increase in recreational activities. Murwin Park would provide an excellent place to launch to travel downstream to the confluence with the Rock River or a takeout point for people paddling the Yahara River.