## RESOLUTION ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Public Works Committee INITIATED BY



Lori A. Williams, Parks Director DRAFTED BY

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### Authorizing Partnership Agreement with the Pelishek Nature Trail Foundation, Incorporated

WHEREAS, on September 26, 1995, the Pelishek Contracting Company, Incorporated, deeded the Pelishek-Tiffany Nature Trail for county park trail purposes; and,

WHEREAS, Rock County and the Pelishek Nature Trail Foundation, Incorporated, (PNTF) work cooperatively to develop, operate and maintain this trail; and,

WHEREAS, the original agreement with the Pelishek Nature Trail Foundation, Incorporated, was entered into on October 26, 2000 and ends on October 25, 2011; and,

WHEREAS, the Pelishek Nature Trail Foundation wishes to renew this partnership agreement for an additional ten years.

Respectfully submitted,

#### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Kurtis Yankee, Chair

Betty to Bussie, Vice-Chair

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Eva Arnold

ADSENT David Diestler

Absent

Brent Fox

#### **LEGAL NOTE:**

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to secs. 593.01, 59.51 and 5952(6), Wis. Stats.

Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch Corporation Counsel

#### **FISCAL NOTE:**

This resolution allows the Foundation to provide trail and rest stop maintenance at no cost to the County..

Jeffrey A. Smith Finance Director

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

Craig Knutson

County Administrator

# Executive Summary Authorizing Partnership Agreement, with the Pelishek Nature Trail Foundation, Incorporated

Rock County made this acquisition in September 1995, from Pelishek Contracting, Incorporated, for park trail purposes. Pelishek Contracting, Incorporated, had acted in advance to secure these lands from the Railroad Holding Company so that Rock County would be able to secure grant funding for the purchase of these approximately 63.85 acres of land running from Clinton to Allens Grove. Via the grant process, 100% cost funding for this acquisition was secured: 50% from the Snowmobile Grant Program and 50% from the Stewardship Program. The trail is open, developed and maintained for snowmobiles in the winter via operational funding in a yearly grant.

The Pelishek Nature Trail Foundation (PNTF) was formed to work with Rock County to develop, operate and maintain the trail during the summer months for bicycling, horseback riding, hiking and nature study. This partnership agreement provides a means for summertime trail maintenance and use. At the present time, a ten-year agreement is in place. This agreement is an extension of the existing agreement, with no changes.

The Pelishek Nature Trail Foundation does a wonderful job maintaining the trail and rest stops. We are incredibly thankful for all of their hard work.

The Pelishek Nature Trail Foundation is incorporated in the State of Wisconsin and has federal 501(3)(c) tax-exempt status.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori A. Williams, CPRP

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Parks Director