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Public Works Committee & Parks Advisory Comm. SUBMITTED BY

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Lori Williams, Parks Director DRAFTED BY

May 31, 2012 DATE DRAFTED

ADOPTION OF THE CARVER-ROEHL COUNTY PARK AND MAGNOLIA BLUFF COUNTY PARK MASTER PLANS

WHEREAS, it is good management practice for the Rock County Parks Division to have long-range plans for its parks operations, and assets; and,

WHEREAS, the current Parks Outdoor Recreation and Open Space Plan (POROS Plan) contains individual conceptual parks plans; and,

WHEREAS, the Parks Division requested, and was allocated funds, in the 2010 budget for individual detailed park master plans for Carver-Roehl County Park and Magnolia Bluff County Park; and,

WHEREAS, the park plan process included public participation including online surveys, staff input sessions, and public input sessions; and,

WHEREAS, the Carver-Roehl County Park and Magnolia Bluff County Park Master Plans' goals and priorities recommended by the Public Works Committee and the Parks Advisory Committee are based on this extensive process of public input; and,

WHEREAS, Carver-Roehl County Park and Magnolia Bluff County Park Master Plans are intended to be used by the Rock County Board of Supervisors to direct the Public Works Committee and County staff to pursue appropriate park, outdoor recreation and open space items and projects in both Carver-Roehl County Park and Magnolia Bluff County Park; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed Carver-Roehl County Park and Magnolia Bluff County Park Master Plans have been reviewed and recommended for adoption by the Public Works Committee and Parks Department staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors on this day of Just 5, 2012, hereby adopts the Carver-Roehl County Park and Magnolia Bluff County Park Master Plans; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors shall pursue the implementation of the Carver-Roehl County Park and Magnolia Bluff County Park Master Plans as opportunities and resources are presented and available.

Respectfully submitted,

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FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution approves Master Plans for the Carver Roehl and Magnolia Bluff County Parks and has no fiscal impact in and of itself. Funding for items included in the Master Plan would need to be approved through the budget process or by separate resolution.

Sherry Oja

Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County board is authorized to take this action pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes sections 59.03. 59.51(2)(b)and (d), and 59.56(9).

Eugene Dumas

Deputy Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

Craig Knutson

County Administrator

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- EXECUTIVE SUMMARY -

The current Park, Outdoor Recreation and Open Space (POROS) Plan is for 2009-2014. The current POROS plan contains individual conceptual plans for all parks. The Parks Division staff desires to ultimately have a detailed individual park plan for each park. In 2011, funds were budgeted for Carver-Roehl and Magnolia Bluff County Park Plans.

In order to remain eligible for state, federal and foundation grants, Rock County needs to have and update the POROS Plan. In addition, while securing grant funds, it is beneficial to also have individual park plans that are detail specific to the respective parks and their uses and needs. These grant funds, along with local matching funds, can continue to be utilized to help improve the County's parks, outdoor recreation facilities, and open space areas for the benefit of Rock County citizens' quality of life. These Plans have a ten-year plus planning horizon. They will need to be updated in 2022 for the next ten-year planning period.

The Master Plan process for both parks included a data gathering process that used extensive public participation an online survey, staff input sessions, and public input sessions.

The proposed Rock County Carver-Roehl Park and Magnolia Bluff County Park Master Plans include the following sections: 1) An introduction including discussion of background efforts, planning process, public input summary, and vision statement of the Plan, 2) Existing Conditions of each park including amenities, natural features, demographics and land use, 3) Recommendations including facilities, trails, signage, land management and others, 4) Action Plan, Appendix A) Survey Results, Appendix B) Trail Design Guidelines, and Appendix C) State Natural Area Land Management Plan.

We are aware that these plans are ambitious, but without a written plan in place, those projects would not be eligible for grant or other funding options.