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RESOLUTION **ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Public Works Committee	
Initiated by	
Public Works Committee	
Submitted by	



Lori Williams, Parks Director Drafted by

October 28, 2010 Date Drafted

AUTHORIZING APPLICATION WITH THE ALLIANT ENERGY FOUNDATION'S COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM TO PURCHASE OUTDOOR RECREATION PROGRAM SUPPLIES

- WHEREAS, the Alliant Energy Foundation has a community grant program designed to help 1.
- improve the quality of life now and in the future in the communities where Alliant Energy 2.
- 3. has a presence; and,

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5. WHEREAS, the County owns and manages parkland for Rock County residents to recreate 6. close to home: and.

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WHEREAS, the Parks Division desires to reach out to the community and area school districts to provide outdoor recreational experiences while promoting the Rock County Park System.

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11. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly 12. assembled this 18 day of 101 act on behalf 13. of Rock County to submit a grant application to the Alliant Energy Foundation for \$2,046 for equipment to lead community snowshoe programs.

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Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Jo Bussie, Vice Chair

Brent Fox

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

Craig Knutson County Administrator

FISCAL NOTE:

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

Smith Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

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

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- EXECUTIVE SUMMARY -

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Rock County Parks are truly a wonderful place for residents to recreate while staying close to home. Until this summer, the Parks Department did not lead outreach activities for residents. Joleen Stinson was hired as the new Community Coordinator with the hope she would grow educational and recreational opportunities for residents of Rock County to help promote the park system. She implemented several summer youth programs, including stream exploration and the Landscape of Magnolia Bluff. The National Recreation and Park Association Take Me Fishing grant awarded earlier this year enabled us to reach school groups for fishing and boating safety education programs. So far this fall, we have taught over 500 school children how to fish.

Although the programs are a benefit to the community and the Parks Department, budgets are tight and in order to grow programming opportunities, grant funding is necessary to purchase supplies and equipment.

If the grant request of \$2,046 is awarded, we will purchase snowshoes for outdoor programming. The funding requested is based on a government/non-profit equipment rate by Yukon Charlie's Snowshoes. The funding will cover the cost of 30 pairs of youth snowshoes, which is enough for an entire school group, plus 18 adult pairs of various sizes.

If funded, we can offer programs at several County Parks throughout the winter. Programs will be offered to the general public and private programs will be available for schools, scouts, and other area youth groups. These programs may be offered in partnership with our Friends groups. Participant fees can be charged to cover staff time and any additional supplies (ex: hot cocoa). Residents may rent snowshoes as a way for the department to generate revenue. It is a win-win situation: increase revenue while offering programming options to residents in Rock County Parks.

Respectfully submitted by,

Pori Killiams

Lori Williams, Director

Rock County Parks