RESOLUTION #

Resolution to Authorize Participation in the State of Wisconsin Motorized Recreation Grant Program for Snowmobile Trails

Resolution offered by the Land Resources and Environment Committee

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Sauk County, Wisconsin:

**BACKGROUND: Sauk County annually participates in maintaining, acquiring, insuring or developing lands for public motorized trail use and these public motorized trails are eligible for snowmobile grant funds.**

**The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources administers a grant program that is 100% funded for the acquisition, development, insurance, and maintenance of public snowmobile trails. Funding for the program comes from snowmobile registration fees, a portion of tax on gasoline and user fees.**

**The development, maintenance, and grooming of the snowmobile trails in Sauk County are managed through a contract with the Association of Sauk County Snowmobile Clubs, attached as Appendix A. The Land Resources and Environment Department is primarily responsible for the financial administration of the grant program. Other responsibilities include trail inspections, maintaining an updated development, maintenance and grooming contract, applying for grant funding, and verifying that all written and verbal permission from all snowmobile trail landowners is obtained. Currently, there are 215.5 miles of snowmobile trails throughout Sauk County. The trails are funded at $300 per mile, with the grant program totaling $64,650.00. Sauk County’s existing liability insurance policy already protects Sauk County’s interest in providing snowmobile trails.**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors, met in regular session, that the Sauk County Parks Operations Coordinator and the Sauk County Land Resources and Environment Director, under the direction of the Land Resources and Environment Committee, be and hereby are authorized and directed to submit an application to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for any financial aid that may be available, submit reimbursement claims along with supporting documentation within proper timeframe of project completion dates, sign and submit documents and take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the approved project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors, that the County Administrator be authorized to execute a Development, Maintenance and Grooming Contract with the Association of Sauk County Snowmobile Clubs, Inc. (Appendix A).

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Land Resources and Environment Committee, this 15 day of February 2022.

Consent Agenda Item: [ ] YES [ ] NO

Fiscal Impact: [ ] None [X] Budgeted Expenditure [ ] Not Budgeted

Vote Required: Majority = \_\_\_\_\_ 2/3 Majority = \_\_\_\_\_ 3/4 Majority = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as reviewed by the Corporation Counsel, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Offered and passage moved by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Marty Krueger, Chair

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Fiscal Note: Funding for the program comes from snowmobile registrations, a percentage of tax on gasoline and trail user fees. No County tax levy is used to fund the program. Sauk County currently has 215.5 miles of trail, funded at $300 per mile, for a total of $64,650.

MIS Note: No information systems impact.