RESOLUTION #

Resolution to Authorize Participation in the State of Wisconsin Motorized Recreation Grant Program for ATV/UTV 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. In doing so, these public motorized trails are eligible for ATV/UTV grant funds through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The program funds 100% of the cost for the acquisition, development, insurance, and maintenance of public ATV/UTV trails. Funding for the program comes from ATV/UTV registration fees and a portion of tax on gasoline.**

**The development and maintenance of the ATV/UTV trails in Sauk County are managed through a contract with the Sauk Ridge Runners, Inc. ATV/UTV Club, 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 and maintenance contract, applying for grant funding, and verifying that all written and verbal permission from all ATV/UTV trail landowners is obtained.**

**Currently, there are approximately 0.82 miles of ATV/UTV trails throughout Sauk County. The trails are funded at $800 per mile for summer use and $200 per mile for winter use, with the grant program totaling approximately $820. Sauk County’s existing liability insurance policy already protects Sauk County’s interest in providing ATV/UTV 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 authorized and directed to submit an application to the State of 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 and Maintenance Contract with Sauk Ridge Runners, 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 ATV/UTV registration fees and a percentage of tax on gasoline. No County tax levy is used to fund the program. Sauk County currently has 0.82 miles of trail, funded at $800 per mile for summer use and $200 per mile for winter use, for a total of $820.

MIS Note: No information systems impact.