RESOLUTION #

Resolution to donate the fire hose and wagon from the historic 1921 firehouse at the Sauk County Farm to the Reedsburg Area Historical Society and Pioneer Village.

Resolution offered by the Land Resources and Environment Committee

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

**BACKGROUND:**

The Sauk County Land Resources and Environment Department created the 2022-2042 Sauk County Farm Property Master Plan to ensure the continued management of the site’s agricultural and natural resources, preservation of its historic features, and the transformation of the space into an educational resource for the communities of Sauk County. Over the next 20 years, the County Farm is envisioned to become an important educational resource for Sauk County residents of all ages and backgrounds to learn about regenerative, profitable, and resilient agricultural practices through on-site demonstration, research, and collaborative partnerships. The master plan is centered on the following goals: to create educational opportunities for Sauk County’s current and future farmers through community partnerships; utilize the space for agricultural demonstration and research; and pay homage to the history and people of the property. The County Farm will become a space where educational institutions, non-profit organizations, public agencies, and any interested person in Sauk County can converge to learn about farming and train the leaders who will carry forward our community’s agricultural legacy.

Resolution No. 150-2019 adopting the 2020-2024 Sauk County Outdoor Recreation Plan was approved by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors on January 21, 2020. Objectives of the plan include donation of the original horse-drawn fire hose and wagon to a local museum or historical society for greater educational use, and the restoration and reuse of the fire house into a storage shed for the community gardens.

The Reedsburg Historical Society and Pioneer Village has an expressed interest and ability to display the original horse-drawn wagon and hose which are currently stored in the historic 1921 fire house at the Sauk County Farm. The wagon and hose would be put on display in the Sanders Building located within the Pioneer Village. They already have on display the Sauk County Farm one-room schoolhouse that was originally located near the farm from 1858-1962.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** thatthe Sauk County Board of Supervisors, met in regular session, does hereby donate the original fire hose and wagon from the historic 1921 firehouse at the Sauk County Farm to the Reedsburg Area Historical Society and Pioneer Village.

Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Land Resources and Environment Committee, this 19th day of March 2024.

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:

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Marty Krueger, Chair

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Peter Kinsman, Vice Chair

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Brandon Lohr

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Dennis Polivka

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Robert Spencer

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Valerie McAuliffe

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Lynn Eberl

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Randy Puttkamer

Fiscal Note: Representatives from the Reedsburg Historical Society estimated the value of hose and wagon to be between $2,500 to $5,000.

MIS Note: None.