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RESOLUTION #

Resolution to enter into a Land Use Agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources allowing Sauk County to design and construct the Great Sauk State Trail on certain real property located at Devil's Lake State Park.

Resolution offered by the Land Resources and Extension Committee

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

BACKGROUND: Sauk County has completed the construction of the Great Sauk State Trail from the Wisconsin River in Sauk City to Goette Road in the Town of Merrimac. In July 2024, the Sauk County Board of Supervisors adopted the *Great Sauk State Trail (GSST) Master Plan*. By gathering input from the public and various stakeholders, the GSST Plan identifies a preferred and alternate route to connect the GSST from its current terminus at Goette Road to the 400 State Trail in Reedsburg. The final preferred route selected by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for that part of the GSST within Devil's Lake State Park (DLSP) will connect to the north shore and south shore day use areas, following the approximate trail alignment depicted as Exhibit A that is made part of a Land Use Agreement between Sauk County and WDNR as shown in **Appendix A Land Use Agreement**.

The Land Use Agreement identifies Sauk County as the lead agency responsible for the design and construction of the GSST to DLSP where WDNR is willing to allow the design and construction of the trail based on the terms of the Land Use Agreement. The agreement sets forth the parameters with which Sauk County and WDNR will cooperatively develop the trail and places a provision that the project be completed, being defined as complete construction of the trail, within five (5) years.

The Land Resources and Environment Department will serve as the project lead, with oversight provided by the Land Resources and Extension Committee. The Highway Department will provide technical and partial construction assistance as needed. The trail's design, permitting, engineering, as well as actual construction oversight will be provided by a contracted consultant.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sauk County Board of Supervisors, met in regular session, does hereby authorize Sauk County to enter into a Land Use Agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to design and construct the Great Sauk State Trail at Devil's Lake State Park as described herein.

Approved by the _____ Committee on _____.

To be presented to the County Board on _____.

Consent Agenda Item: ☐ YES ☐ NO

Fiscal Impact: ☐ None ☐ 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:

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Marty Krueger, Chair

☐ Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐ Absent

Dennis Polivka, Vice Chair

☐ Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐ Absent

Brandon Lohr

☐ Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐ Absent

Peter Kinsman

☐ Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐ Absent

Robert Spencer

☐ Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐ Absent

Robert Prosser

☐ Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐ Absent

Valerie McAuliffe

☐ Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐ Absent

Lynn Eberl

☐ Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐ Absent

Randy Puttkamer

☐ Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐ Absent

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