

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2019

AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN MOTORIZED RECREATION GRANT PROGRAM

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 (WDNR) 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 (ASCSC). The Parks 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 211.9 miles of snowmobile trails throughout Sauk County. The trails are funded at \$300 per mile, with the grant program totaling \$63,570.00. To protect Sauk County's interest in providing the snowmobile trails, liability insurance is purchased.

Fiscal Impact: ☐ None ☒ Budgeted Expenditure ☐ Not Budgeted

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors, met in regular session, that the Sauk County Parks Director and Sauk County Parks Program Coordinator, under the direction of the Highway & Parks Committee, be and hereby are 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.

For consideration by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors on March 19, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

SAUK COUNTY HIGHWAY & PARKS COMMITTEE

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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 211.9 miles of trail, funded at \$300.00 per mile for a total of \$63,570.00.

MIS Note: No information systems impact.