

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Public Works Committee
Initiated by

Public Works Committee
& Parks Advisory Committee
Submitted by



Lori Williams, Parks Director
Drafted by

August 20, 2014
Date Drafted

AUTHORIZING APPLICATION WITH WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR COUNTY FISH AND GAME PROJECT GRANT FUNDS

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the legislature of the State of Wisconsin enacted legislation providing for allocation to the
- 2 respective counties in the state on an acreage basis for the county fish and game projects on the condition
- 3 that the counties match the state allocation; and,
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- 5 **WHEREAS**, Rock County desires to participate in county fish and game projects pursuant to provisions of
- 6 Sec. 23.09(12) of the Wisconsin Statutes.
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- 8 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors assembled this
- 9 11 day of September, 2014, authorize to expend the funds appropriated and the funds to be
- 10 received from the State of Wisconsin for the improvement of the fish and wildlife habitat, and to operate
- 11 and maintain or to cause to be operated and maintained the project for its intended purpose.
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- 13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Parks Director
- 14 to act on behalf of Rock County to submit a state grant application to the Wisconsin Department of Natural
- 15 Resources (DNR) for 2015 financial aid for county fish and game projects; sign documents; and take
- 16 necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the approved projects.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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Betty Jo Bussie, Chair

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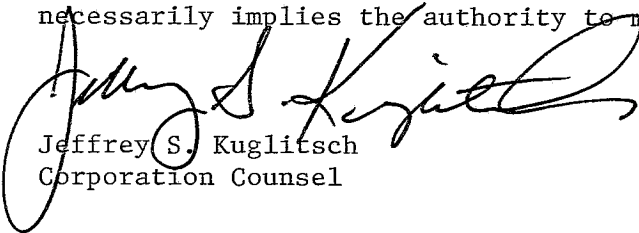
This resolution only authorizes an application for a grant and, therefore has no fiscal impact at this time.



Sherry Oja
Finance Director

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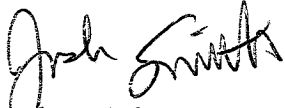
The authority to accept grant funds pursuant to sec. 59.52(19), Wis. Stats., necessarily implies the authority to make application for such funds.



Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Josh Smith
County Administrator

- EXECUTIVE SUMMARY -
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Each Wisconsin County is allocated a certain amount of money annually to fund small projects on a 50/50 match basis. Rock County may apply for a maximum of \$3,000 in 2015. Parks plans to access this funding source to help pay for invasive species control at Magnolia Bluff Park. Though this funding source requires a 50% match by the County, all time and materials supplied by the Parks and Highway Divisions, as well as other community resources may be used as in-kind match. The Multi-Use Trail group and other volunteers have assisted with various invasive species control projects in the past and have expressed a strong interest in continuing the effort.

The species to be controlled using this grant is primarily buckthorn. For the past few years, we have used these funds for buckthorn and garlic mustard control in Carver-Roehl Park, and we've achieved a noticeable reduction of the invasive species. We feel the time is now appropriate to move these efforts to another area in need, such as Magnolia Bluff, especially as it is a State Natural Area.