

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Lori Williams, Parks Director
INITIATED BY



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DRAFTED BY

Public Works Committee &
Parks Advisory Committee
SUBMITTED BY

September 1, 2015
DATE DRAFTED

Recognizing Efforts of the Friends of Beckman Mill, Incorporated, at Beckman Mill County Park on Their 25th Anniversary

1 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors entered into a long-term agreement in 1991 with the
2 Friends of Beckman Mill, Incorporated, to do historical restoration and development work at Beckman Mill
3 County Park; and,
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5 **WHEREAS**, the Friends of Beckman Mill are celebrating their 25th anniversary as an organization; and,
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7 **WHEREAS**, the Friends of Beckman Mill have restored the historic Howe-Beckman Mill, the cooperage,
8 and constructed a creamery, a visitors center and a barn, as well as reconstructed the spillway (mill pond
9 dam) and fish passage on the West Fork of Raccoon Creek; and,
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11 **WHEREAS**, the Friends of Beckman Mill have "compounded" grant dollars provided by Rock County and
12 have secured and utilized grants from: Wisconsin DNR River Protection Grant, Whitetails Unlimited,
13 Ressler Mill Foundation, Beloit Foundation, Janesville Foundation, Kohler Foundation, Harnischfeger, Inc.,
14 Lutheran Brotherhood, Questers, Greater Beloit Community Foundation, Ashcraft Foundation, Wisconsin
15 Power and Light, and the Society for the Preservation of Old Mills, and;
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17 **WHEREAS**, the Friends of Beckman Mill make the substantial donation of volunteer labor and donated
18 machinery used in carrying forward these efforts, and showcasing the Park as caregivers and docents, and;
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20 **WHEREAS**, in 2010, the restored Beckman Mill Park is a one of a kind destination of historical
21 significance in Rock County that serves as the host site for numerous annual activities and events.
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23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
24 this 10th day of September, 2015, hereby recognizes the Friends of Beckman Mill on their
25 25th anniversary and extends their congratulations and gratitude on the outstanding volunteer work and
26 restoration efforts and looks forward to a continued partnership in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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Betty Jo Bussie, Chair

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Brent Fox, Vice Chair

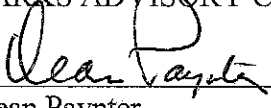
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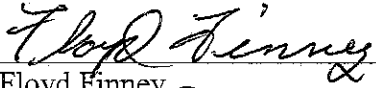
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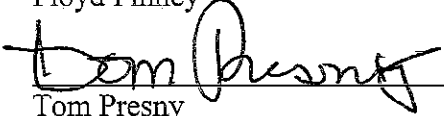
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- Executive Summary -
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Rock County started its long-term relationship with the Friends of Beckman Mill, Incorporated June 1, 1991. The first lease agreement expired in May 2001 and was renewed through 2013.

The Friends of Beckman Mill, Incorporated, have vigorously pursued other grant funding sources and have successfully been awarded well over \$100,000 in grant funds from various organizations. Such organizations have included Society for the Preservation of Old Mills (SPOOM), Wisconsin Power & Light, Ashcraft Foundation, Greater Beloit Community Foundation, Questers, Lutheran Brotherhood, Harnischfeger, Inc., Kohler Foundation, Janesville Foundation, Beloit Foundation, Ressler Mill Foundation, Wisconsin DNR, and Whitetails Unlimited.

The Friends have restored the Howe-Beckman Mill, the cooperage, and constructed a creamery, a visitors' center, and a barn and reconstructed the spillway (mill pond dam) and fish passage on the West Fork of Raccoon Creek.

Each year, the Friends of Beckman Mill, Incorporated, have also held numerous fund raising activities bringing many people to visit this park. They also give tours of the Park and do many hours of volunteer maintenance of the mill, buildings and grounds.

We look forward to a continued successful partnership with a truly exemplary and outstanding group of volunteers.