

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-_____

Accepting a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Snowmobile Trail Aids grant for the construction of a snowmobile bridge and amending the 2022 Parks Department budget

Executive Summary

Jefferson County participates in the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Snowmobile Trail Aid Program, funded by a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources recreation grant which provides funding for the development and maintenance of approximately 224 miles of public snowmobile trails in Jefferson County. Part of the Department of Natural Resources Snowmobile program allows for funding to be allocated through an application process for the maintenance and repair of snowmobile infrastructure such as bridges and culverts. Through this grant program, the Jefferson County Snowmobile Alliance and Jefferson County Parks Department sought funds to replace a bridge that is no longer safe for the public or the volunteers who groom the county's snowmobile trails. This bridge crossing is located along the public snowmobile trail south of Watertown near intersection 14A. This grant will fund 100% of the snowmobile bridge construction. Jefferson County expects to complete this bridge replacement in the 2022 field season which requires an amendment to the 2022 Parks department budget to authorize acceptance and expenditure of these grant funds. The Parks Committee considered this resolution at its meeting on May 17th, 2022, and the Finance Committee considered this resolution at its meeting on June 14th, 2022. Both committees recommended forwarding this resolution to the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors for approval.

WHEREAS, the Executive Summary is incorporated into this resolution, and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County continues to work with the Jefferson County Snowmobile Alliance to promote Jefferson County's 224 miles of publicly funded snowmobile trails and all they offer to the community during the winter, and

WHEREAS, grant funding has been secured that will provide 100% funding to replace a bridge that is no longer safe for use by the public on the County's publicly funded snowmobile trails, and

WHEREAS, it is in the county's and public's best interest to complete this project before the start of the 2022-2023 snowmobile season.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Parks Department 2022 Budget be amended to accept grant funds from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Snowmobile Trail Aids grant in the amount of \$51,500.00 with such funds being used to replace a bridge crossing on the Jefferson County Snowmobile Trail System.

Fiscal Note: This resolution will amend the Jefferson County parks budget 12809-535249 by \$51,500.00. There is no impact to Jefferson County Levy. This project is 100% funded through the WDNR Snowmobile Trail Aids program.

Referred By:
Finance Committee and Parks Committee

6/14/2022

REVIEWED: Corporation Counsel: JBW; Finance Director:

