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Jefferson County Courthouse 311 S. Center Avenue, C20063 Jefferson, WI 53549

Tuesday, October 8, 2024 | 6:45 p.m.

#### **AGENDA**

\*REVISED 10-03-2024

## JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

**TUESDAY** 

**OCTOBER 8, 2024** 

7:00 p.m.

Jefferson County Courthouse 311 S. Center Avenue, Room C2063 Jefferson, WI 53549

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. ROLL CALL BY COUNTY CLERK
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 4. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS LAW
- 5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
- 6. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 MEETING MINUTES
- 7. **COMMUNICATIONS** 
  - a. Treasurer's Month Report
  - Retirement Recognitions
  - c. Zoning Committee Notice of Public Hearing, October 17, 2024 (Page 1)
- 8. PUBLIC COMMENT (agenda items)
- 9. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
  - a. Recognition of Uniquely Wisconsin video participants
  - b. Presentation of FY2025 Operating and Capital Budget

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS / RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES**

- 10. BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE
  - a. Resolution Authorizing the County Administrator to enter into a Contract for a Facilities Energy Audit (addendum)

### 11. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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- a. Jefferson County Library Board Appointment (addendum)
- b. Tim Semo to the Jefferson County Library Board for a three-year term ending December 31, 2027
- c. Linda Ager to the Bridges Library System Board for a three-year term ending December 31, 2027
- d. Steve Ganser and Michael Wineke to the Human Services Board for a three-year term ending November 1, 2027

## 18. \*APPOINTMENTS BY FAIR PARK COMMITTEE (Page 38)

- a. Tracey Brandel, Ashley Sinkula, Jerry Wilcenski, David Zimmerman, Angie Greving and Jim Schroeder, Robert Ganzow to the Fair Advisory Board for a two-year term ending August 31, 2026
- 19. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (General)
- 20. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 21. ADJOURN

#### **NEXT COUNTY BOARD MEETINGS**

PUBLIC HEARING -2025 BUDGET TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024 7:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024 7:00 P.M.

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING JEFFERSON COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

George Jaeckel, Chair; Steve Nass, Vice-Chair; Blane Poulson, Secretary; Matt Foelker; Cassie Richardson

**SUBJECT:** Map Amendments to the Jefferson County Zoning Ordinance and Requests for Conditional Use Permits

**DATE:** Thursday, October 17, 2024

**TIME:** 7:00 p.m. (Doors will open at 6:30)

PLACE: JEFFERSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM C2063

311 S. CENTER AVE, JEFFERSON, WI 53549

**OR Via Zoom Videoconference** 

## PETITIONERS OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND THE MEETING VIRTUALLY BY FOLLOWING THESE INSTRUCTIONS IF THEY CHOOSE NOT TO ATTEND IN PERSON:

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.
When: October 17, 2024, at 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)
Meeting ID: 957 3344 0565

Passcode: Zoning

Register in advance for this meeting:

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After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law
- 4. Approval of Agenda
- 5. Public Hearing

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Committee will conduct a public hearing at 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 17, 2024, in Room C2063 of the Jefferson County Courthouse, Jefferson, Wisconsin. Members of the public will be allowed to be heard regarding any petition under consideration by the Planning and Zoning Committee. **PETITIONERS, OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES SHALL BE PRESENT EITHER IN PERSON OR VIA ZOOM.** Matters to be heard are petitions to amend the official zoning map and applications for conditional use permits. A map of the properties affected may be obtained from the Zoning Department. Individual files, which include staff finding of fact, are available for viewing between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. If you have questions regarding these matters, please contact Zoning at 920-674-7131.

Decisions on Conditional Use Permits will be made on **October 28, 2024**Recommendations by the Committee on Rezones, will be made on **October 28, 2024**Final decision will be made by the County Board on **November 12, 2024** 

# FROM A-1 EXCLUSIVE AGRICULTURAL TO A-3, AGRICULTURAL/RURAL RESIDENTIAL AND N, NATURAL RESOURCE

All in accordance with Sec. 11.04(f)8 and 11.04(f)12 of the Jefferson County Zoning Ordinance

<u>R4558A-24 – Nancy Hinz</u>: Rezone to create a 2-acre lot from property at N4952 Duck Creek Road in the Town of Farmington, PIN 008-0715-3633-000 (30 ac). Property is owned by David J & Nancy J Hinz.

<u>R4559A-24 –Nancy Hinz</u>: Rezone A-1 to N to create a 17.9-acre lot from property at N4952 Duck Creek Road in the Town of Farmington, PIN 008-0715-3633-000 (30 ac). Property is owned by David J & Nancy J Hinz.

## FROM A-1 EXCLUSIVE AGRICULTURAL TO A-3, AGRICULTURAL/RURAL RESIDENTIAL

<u>R4560A-24 – Schumacher Trust</u>: Rezone to create two 2-acre lots from property at N6023 Wright Road in the Town of Farmington, PIN 008-0715-1912-000 (15 ac).

<u>R4561A-24 – Jonathan Schrock:</u> Rezone all of 012-0816-0841-004 (13.946 ac). to create a lot for single family home near W1731 **Gopher Hill Road** in the Town of Ixonia.

Rezone to create a 3.472-acre lot at W1541 Gopher Hill Road in the Town of Ixonia, PIN 012-0816-0931-000 (39.26 ac).

<u>R4563A-24 – Jeffrey and Rebecca Weber:</u> Rezone .9 acres from PIN 014-0615-0441-002 (37.893 ac). to add to Lot 1 (CSM 6331) to create a 2-acre lot at **N4614 Paradise Road** in the Town of Jefferson, PIN 014-0615-0441-000 (1.171 ac).

Rezone to create a 3.4-acre net lot (farm consolidation) and two 2.0-acre net lots at **W2185 US Highway 18** in the Town of Sullivan, PINs 026-0616-0641-000 (28.20 ac) and 026-0616-0641-001 (18 ac).

<u>R4565A-24 – Kenneth B and Christine A Thomas</u>: Rezone to create two 1.0-acre net lots north of **N2860** Hardscrabble Road in the Town of Sullivan, PIN 026-0616-3622-000 (30 ac).

### CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATIONS

<u>CU2134-24 –OneEnergy Development LLC</u>: Conditional Use to allow a solar electric generation facility near **Airport Rd & Wood Lane** in the Town of Waterloo, PIN 030-0813-3241-000 (46.540 ac). Property is owned by Frederick W & Jeanette B Huebner Trust.

6. Adjourn

A quorum of any Jefferson County Committee, Board, Commission or other body, including the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors, may be present at this meeting.

Individuals requiring special accommodations for attendance at this meeting should contact the County Administrator 24 hours prior to the meeting at 920-674-7101 so appropriate arrangements can be made.

A digital recording of the meeting will be available in the Zoning Department upon request.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2024**

## Amending supervisory district boundaries to reflect annexations

## **Executive Summary**

On November 9th, 2021, the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution Number 2021-43 which established 30 supervisory districts for the purpose of electing the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors. Wisconsin Statute s. 59.10(3)(c) allows the County Board of Supervisors to amend its supervisory district plan to reflect city and village incorporation, annexation, detachment or consolidation which has occurred since its last adoption or amendment, and to make such adjustments to supervisory district boundaries as may be appropriate for purposes of election administration. It is common practice for cities and villages to assign the area being annexed to the adjacent ward within their corporate limits and the County Board to amend supervisory district boundaries to match the new corporate limits.

This resolution amends the supervisory district boundaries to reflect the two annexations that have occurred since the last County Board review on November 14, 2023. The annexations are described in detail below and the attached maps identify the annexations. The Executive Committee considered this resolution on September 25, 2024, and recommended forwarding to the Jefferson County Board for adoption.

WHEREAS, the Executive Summary and attached maps are incorporated into this resolution, and

WHEREAS, Resolution Number 2021-43 established 30 supervisory districts and their boundaries within Jefferson County, and

WHEREAS, two annexations have occurred since the supervisory district plan was last amended on November 14, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the table below shows the current supervisory districts and the proposed amendments to the supervisory districts to reflect recent annexations,

## ANNEXATIONS November 2023 to September 2024

From:			To:				
Municipality	Ward	District	Municipality	Ward	District	Population	Document#
Town-Koshkonong	1	23	C. Fort Atkinson	3	27	3	1480447
Town-Lake Mills	1	15	C. Lake Mills	1	15	2	1485473/1486331

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors that the Jefferson County supervisory district plan is amended as follows:

- 1. That the Supervisory District Map for District 27 shall be amended to include the annexed territory previously in Supervisory District 23 prior to the annexation above.
- 2. That the maps for Supervisory Districts 27 and 23 shall be amended to delete the territories reassigned in Section 1.

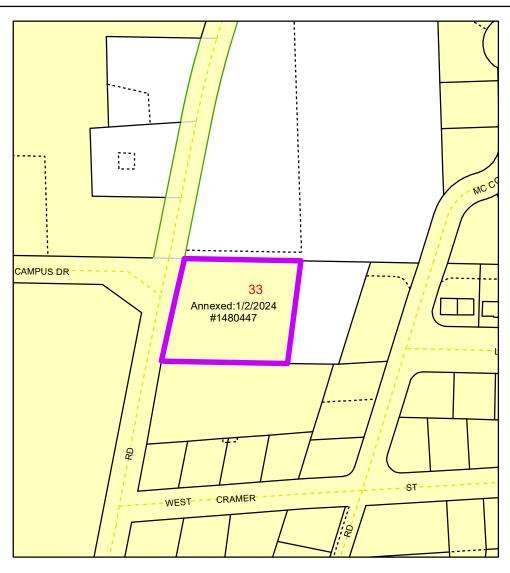
Fiscal Note: This resolution has no fiscal impact.

Strategic Plan Reference: None

Referred By: Executive Committee

10-08-2024

REVIEWED: Corporation Counsel: DHT; Finance Director: TW



Annexed: 1/2/2024

Document: #1480447

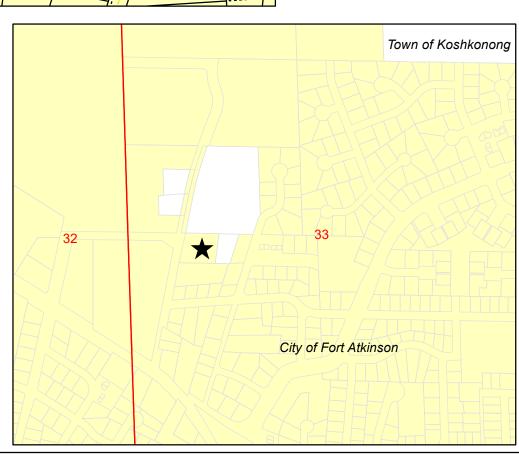
From Mun: T. Koshkonong

To Mun: C. Fort Atkinson

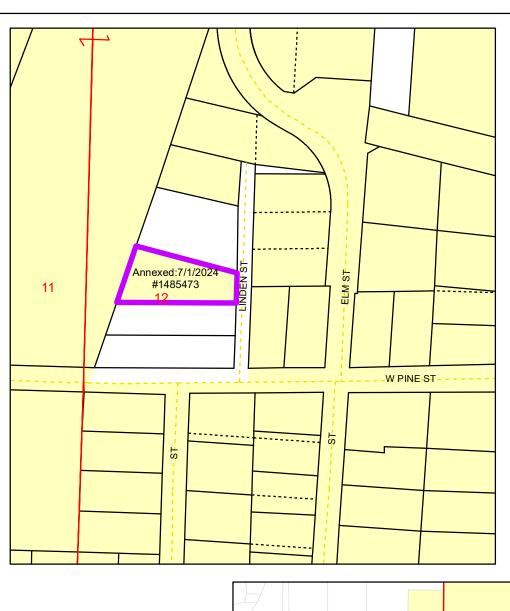
PIN: 226-0614-3332-054

Population: 3

Supervisory District: From 23 to 27







Annexed: 7/1/2024

Document: #1485473

From Mun: T. Lake Mills

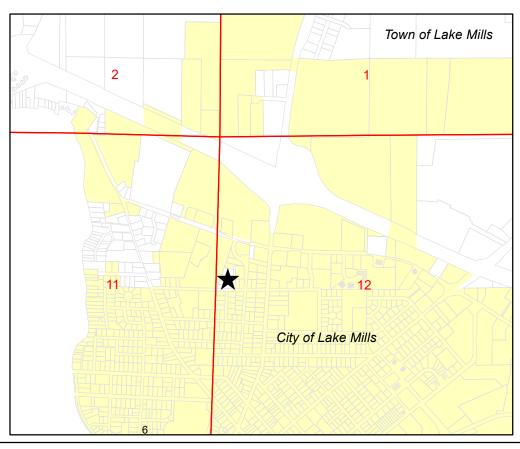
To Mun: C. Lake Mills

PIN: 246-0713-1223-006

Population: 2

Supervisory District:

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## RESOLUTION NO. 2024-\_\_\_\_

## **Authorizing and Appointing a County Administrator Search Committee**

## **Executive Summary**

The Jefferson County Administrator recently gave notice to the County Board that he would be resigning effective mid-December 2024 to become the President and CEO of the Greater Watertown Community Health Foundation. After this notice, the Jefferson County Board Chair considered how best to recruit and fill this role with a qualified successor. The Board Chair considered past processes, and the current status and the future trajectory of the County in developing his recommendation.

The County Board Chair recommends creating a County Administrator Search Committee. The County Administrator Search Committee will work with the selected search firm to narrow down candidates, conduct interviews, and ultimately recommend a new County Administrator for the County Board's consideration and confirmation. This committee will also work with the search firm to determine how best involve all County Board Supervisors and receive input from County staff.

The proposed County Administrator Search Committee be made up of a total of thirteen (13) individuals consisting of the following:

- Five County Board Supervisors including Board Leadership, the Chair of Finance and the Chair of Human Resources.
- Five current officials and staff
- Three former officials and staff

This resolution creates the County Administrator Search Committee and directs said committee to take action as necessary to carry out its purpose. The Executive Committee considered this resolution at its September 25, 2024, meeting and recommended forwarding it to the County Board for approval.

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

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors seeks to establish a committee for the purpose of searching for, selecting, and recommending a new County Administrator, and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to have a committee with knowledge of the current team and needs of the County, as well as an understanding of communities we serve and the future vision of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED a County Administrator Search Committee is hereby established for the purposes of identifying, evaluating, and selecting a candidate for recommendation to the County Board to serve as the next Jefferson County Administrator.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the following County Board Member are appointed to the committee:

- o Steve Nass County Board Chair
- o Mike Wineke 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair
- Blane Poulson 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair
- o Dick Jones Finance Chair
- o Jim Braughler Human Resources Chair

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the following County Officials/Staff are appointed to the committee:

- Staci Hoffman Register of Deeds
- o Terri Palm Human Resources Director
- o Bill Kern Highway Commissioner
- o Deb Reinbold Economic Development Director
- o Danielle Thompson Corporation Counsel

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the following former County Officials/Staff are appointed to the committee:

- Kathi Cauley Former Human Services Director and Former Interim County Administrator
- o Paul Milbrath Former Sheriff
- o Jim Schroeder Former County Board Chair; Current Jefferson Alderperson

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the County Board members and former County Officials/Staff appointed to this subcommittee are authorized to receive per diem and mileage in accordance with the County Board Rules.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the County Board Chair is authorized to appoint replacement committee members, if necessary, with notification to the full County Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Administrator Search Committee shall dissolve following the successful appointment of a successor County Administrator, unless otherwise directed by the Board.

Fiscal Note: This resolution will result in additional expenditures for 8 of the 13 committee members, who will receive a \$65 per diem and a mileage reimbursement of 67 cents per mile for each meeting. The remaining 5 members are County employees with exempt status and are not eligible for these payments. The total estimated cost for the 2024 budget is approximately \$3,000. A budget amendment is not required, as the additional costs will be covered by a surplus in the Administration budget.

Strategic Plan Reference: None

Referred By:

Executive Committee 10-08-2024

REVIEWED: Corporation Counsel: DHT; Finance Director: TW

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-**

## **Adjusting Budget Allocation of Assistant Corporation Counsel Position**

## **Executive Summary**

The Corporation Counsel Office and Child Support Agency currently employ a total of 2.0 FTE in assistant corporation counsel positions related to child support functions. The day-to-day tasks are assigned by the Child Support Director with legal oversight and backup legal services provided by the Corporation Counsel. 1.8 FTE are assigned specifically for child support enforcement activities and the remaining .2 FTE are utilized for general needs in the Corporation Counsel office as assigned. The Assistant Corporation Counsel whose time is currently allocated between the above two offices has provided notice of her retirement. In anticipation of her retirement, the County Administrator, Corporation Counsel, and Child Support Director reviewed data related to the position and identified that due to caseloads and projected trends within the Child Support Agency, the Child Support Agency will require only .5 FTE for this position, rather than .8 FTE as is currently assigned, and there was insufficient work within the Corporation Counsel Office based on current caseloads and assignments for the remaining .5 FTE.

Upon further analysis, the Corporation Counsel working with the Human Services Department, identified that Termination of Parental Rights cases (TPRs) which are currently being outsourced to contracted counsel could be moved in-house. Moving these cases in-house would provide sufficient workload to justify maintaining this full-time attorney position while being cost-neutral as Title IV-E reimbursement is available for TPR legal services. Based on the allocations for both scenarios, approximately .46 FTE of this position is allocated to tax levy. Handling TPRs in-house would also result in reducing the cost of hiring outside counsel and should decrease the time it takes for children to achieve permanency by increasing the efficiency of the TPR process.

This resolution authorizes the reallocation of an Assistant Corporation Counsel position to .5 FTE to the Child Support Agency and .5 FTE to Human Services, under the supervision of Corporation Counsel. The Finance Committee considered this request on October 1, 2024, and recommended moving it forward to the County Board for approval.

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

WHEREAS, Jefferson County reviews positions as they open to ensure the current staffing structure meets the operational needs of the County, and

WHEREAS, it had been identified due to case load trends the current allocation of time for an Assistant Corporation Counsel position does not match the anticipated needs of the County, and

WHEREAS, the adjusted allocation of time meets a need of the County while at the same time being cost neutral.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Assistant Corporation Counsel currently allocated .8 FTE to the Child Support Agency and .2 FTE to the Corporation Counsel Office is reallocated to be .5 FTE assigned to the Child Support Agency and .5 FTE assigned to the Human Services Department working under the Corporation Counsel.

Fiscal Note: Of the .5 FTE assigned to the Child Support Agency approximately 66% of the cost is reimbursed with the remainder being allocated to tax levy; of the .5 FTE allocated to the Human Service Department for TPRs approximately 40% is reimbursed with the remainder being covered by tax levy. As this is an allocation to a different budget function this is a budget amendment. Two-thirds vote of the County Board is required.

Strategic Plan Reference: YES



Transformative Government: Conduct a staffing & skills analysis to identify current and future staffing needs for each department

Referred By: Finance Committee

10-08-2024

REVIEWED: Corporation Counsel: DHT; Finance Director: TW

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-**

## **Authorizing the Repurchase of Property from Nestle Purina**

## **Executive Summary**

On May 10, 2022, the County Board authorized the execution of an Option to Purchase with Nestle Purina, granting Nestle the option to buy county-owned property located adjacent to the County Highway Facility on County Highway W within the City of Jefferson. This land was to allow for future storage needs of the company in an effort to make the Jefferson facility competitive for a significant capital investment in the plant which would provide for the retention and addition of jobs in Jefferson County. In the spring of 2023, Nestle Purina executed the option and began working with the City and County for a final land division of property. Ultimately, Nestle Purina purchased approximately 17.017 acres identified as Lot 2 of CSM #6373 below, for a total sales price of approximately \$341,440. Nestle Purina subsequently announced its plan to invest \$195 million to expand its Jefferson facility and create an additional 100 jobs.

In the summer of 2024, the Nestle Purina plant manager advised the County Administrator the company had a new opportunity closer to the plant which provided greater operational efficiency. As such, Nestle Purina offered to allow the County to repurchase its former property for the price Nestle Purina previously paid. Nestle Purina recently advised they were prepared to move forward with the repurchase.

This resolution authorizes the County Administrator to negotiate and finalize the repurchase of the subject property utilizing funds set aside in general fund by the County Board at its March 12, 2024, meeting. Further, this resolution authorizes the County Administrator to execute a license agreement which would allow the County to coordinate with the farmer leasing the adjacent county property to do fall field preparation work on the subject property prior to closing this transaction.

The Finance Committee considered this resolution on October 1, 2024, and recommended forwarding the resolution to the County Board for approval.

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

WHEREAS, Jefferson County worked collaboratively with Nestle Purina for a land sale to support and facilitate the retention and expansion of the existing business within Jefferson County, and

WHEREAS, Nestle Purina has determined it no longer needs the subject property to complete its expansion, and

WHEREAS, the County has desire to repurchase the subject property to control future development, while allowing the property to be utilized for agricultural purposes in the interim.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the County Administrator is authorized to negotiate and prepare all necessary documents for the repurchase of the subject property, more particularly identified as Lot 2 of CSM #6373, PIN: 241-0164-1524-001, and authorizes the County Clerk to execute all required documentation to finalize the repurchase.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the County Administrator is authorized to execute a license with Nestle Purina to facilitate access to the subject property for agricultural purposes prior to finalizing the purchase.

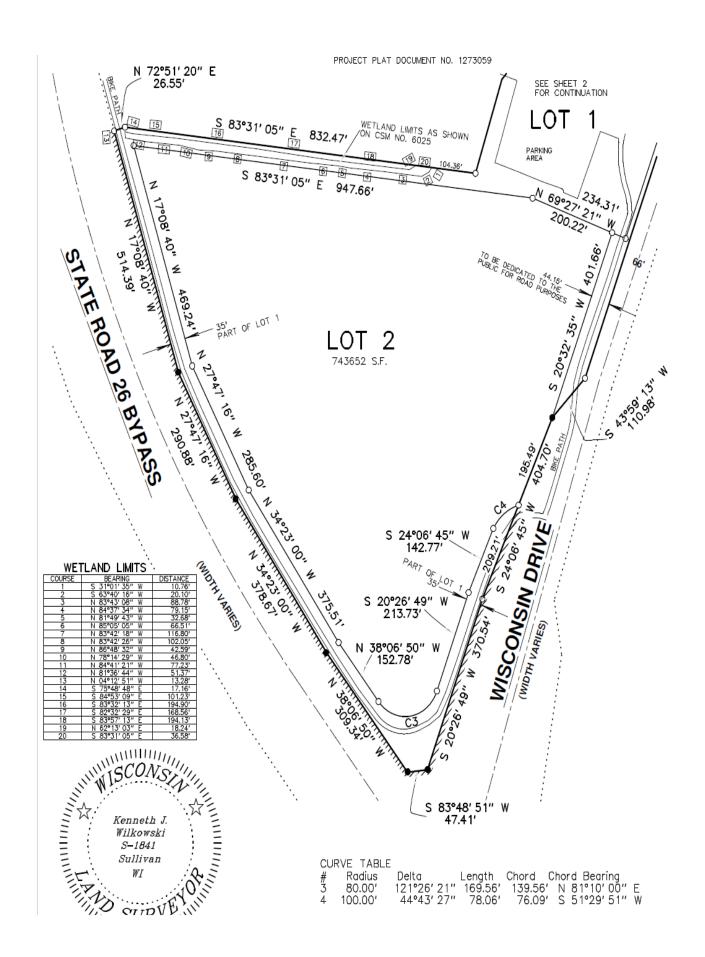
Fiscal Note: On March 12, 2024, the Board of Supervisors approved a transfer of \$1,000,000 from the Capital Projects Fund to the General Fund of proceeds from the sale of various county-owned parcels of land. The Finance Committee met on October 1, 2024 and recommended that the repurchase of the Nestle parcel be funded from the proceeds of this transfer, to be repaid to the General Fund in full if the land is sold again at a later date. The Finance Director is authorized to make the necessary budget adjustments to enact this resolution.

Strategic Plan Reference: None

Referred By: Finance Committee

10-08-2024

REVIEWED: Corporation Counsel: DHT; Finance Director: TW



## RESOLUTION NO. 2024-\_\_\_\_

## **Authorizing Highway Department Equipment Purchases**

## **Executive Summary**

On September 10, 2024, the Highway Department received bids from area equipment dealers for self-propelled road sweepers. The road sweepers are used throughout the year on highway maintenance and construction projects. The new sweepers will replace two sweepers currently in use, and the existing sweepers will be traded or sold.

This resolution authorizes the Jefferson County Highway Department to purchase two new road sweepers from American State Equipment for approximately \$186,170. The Highway Committee considered this resolution at its meeting on September 24, 2024, and recommend forwarding to the County Board for approval.

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

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Highway Committee is authorized by the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors to receive bids on various equipment, and

WHEREAS, bids were solicited and opened for two (2) new self-propelled sweepers on September 10, 2024, as set forth below, and

## Road Sweepers (2)

Dealer: American State Equipment (Milwaukee)

Models: 2025 Superior SM74J

Bid (2): **\$186,170** 

**Dealer:** Aring Equipment (Deforest)

Model: 2024 Broce FMJ470

Bid (2): \$211,100

WHEREAS, the bids were reviewed by the Highway Department staff and the Highway Committee, and after reviewing factors including the bid prices, quality of equipment, service of equipment, and potential trade values, the Highway Committee recommends acceptance of the American State Equipment bid in the amount of \$186,170.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Highway Department is authorized to purchase two (2) self-propelled sweepers from American State Equipment for \$186,170.

Fiscal Note: Funding for these purchases comes from the Highway Department Equipment Operations Cost Center 53241.

Strategic Plan Reference: None

Referred By:

Highway Committee 10-08-2024

## RESOLUTION NO. 2024-\_\_\_\_

## **Authorizing Extension of County Farm Agricultural Lease**

## **Executive Summary**

In 2025, Jefferson County will own approximately 210 acres of farmland. As ongoing construction could impact the total number of acres available for farming, it would be prudent to extend the current lease for one year instead of putting it out to bid for three years. The current lease ends on February 28, 2025, and has a rental rate of \$290.25 per acre.

This resolution authorizes the County Administrator to enter into a one-year land lease with the current tenants at the current rental rate. The Finance Committee and the Land and Water Conservation Committee considered this resolution at their meetings on September 3, 2024, and September 18, 2024, respectively, and recommended forwarding to County Board for approval.

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

WHEREAS, the County Farm is currently leased by Jeff and Monica Gerner, W8215 Perry Road, Fort Atkinson, for a one-year lease term (March 1, 2024, through February 28, 2025), and

WHEREAS, the current lease is for \$290.25 per acre on 162.4 acres for a total of approximately \$47,136.60, and

WHEREAS, there may be changes to the total acreage available for farming in the next year which would complicate the bidding process for a 3-year contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the County Administrator is authorized to enter into a one-year lease with Jeff and Monica Gerner for approximately 210 acres of county farmland at \$290.25 per acre for a total of \$60,952.50 under the same terms and conditions as the current lease.

Fiscal Note: Total rent payable to Jefferson County for the one-year lease term is \$60,952.50, subject to prorate changes to acreage. This amount is contained in the 2025 General Revenue budget business unit.

Strategic Plan Reference: None

Referred By:

Land and Water Conservation Committee

10-08-2024

REVIEWED: Corporation Counsel: DHT; Finance Director: TW

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-**

## Approving Proposal from Rock Solid Trails for Garman Nature Preserve Trail Re-Route

## **Executive Summary**

The Garman Nature Preserve is a 45-acre Jefferson County Conservation Park that features 22 conical Indian Mounds, a nature interpretation trail, shelter, restrooms, and 1.5 miles of hiking trails that take users through a wooded glacial drumlin with steep topography. The alignment of the trails along the steep topography has allowed erosion which could create unsafeconditions for users on some of the Preserve's trails. In order to address the erosion and build a more sustainable trail system, the Jefferson County Parks Department sought proposals from qualified bidders to re-design and re-route several sections of the Preserve's trails to a standard defined by the International Mountain Bikers Association. Only one bidder, Rock Solid Trail Contracting, provided a proposal for the work at an estimated cost of \$25,200.

This resolution authorizes the County Administrator to accept the proposal from Rock Solid Trail Contracting and execute all necessary documentation to commence the project. TThe Parks Committee considered this resolution at its September 26, 2024, meeting and recommended forwarding it to County Board for approval.

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Board recognizes the importance of enhancing outdoor recreational opportunities and providing safe and sustainable access to the Garman Nature Preserve, and

WHEREAS, the Parks Department has received and reviewed the proposal from Rock Solid Trail Contracting for the re-design and re-routing of trails within the Garman Nature Preserve, and

WHEREAS, the proposal submitted by the contractor meets the organizations requirements for quality and design standards, is cost effective, and provides training opportunities for parks staff to build internal knowledge for future projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors hereby accepts the proposal from Rock Solid Trail Contracting for the defined trail re-design and re-route at the Garman Nature Preserve inas outlined in the proposal dated September 10, 2024;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Administrator is authorized to execute the necessary contracts and agreements with the contractor to facilitate the commencement of the project.

Fiscal Note: This project was included in the Parks 2024 budget 12807-535245 and was funded 100% by donated funds from the Garman Nature Preserve Endowment.

Strategic Plan Reference: YES

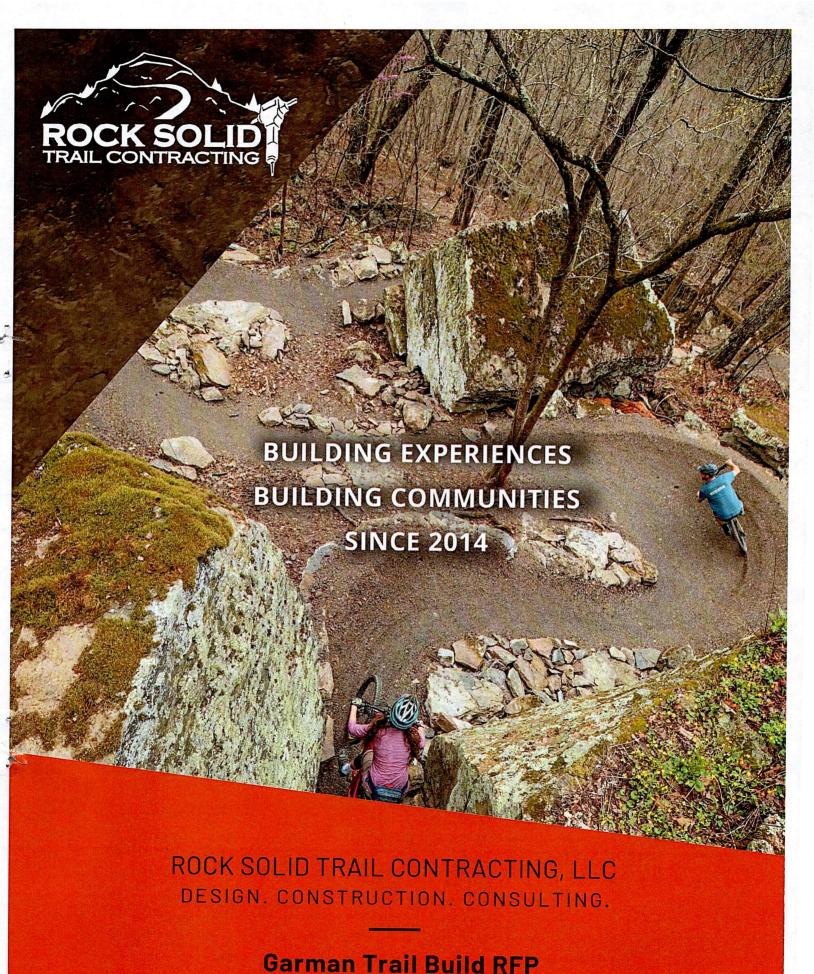


Highly Regarded Quality of Life: Continue developing recreational, historical, and cultural resources that build on emerging recreational trends and enhance positive user experiences.

Referred By: Parks Committee

10-08-2024

REVIEWED: Corporation Counsel: DHT; Finance Director: TW





September 10, 2025

TO: JR Klement
Jefferson County Parks Department
Attn: Garman Trail Build RFP
311 South Center Ave, Room 1060
Jefferson, WI 53549

Dear Mr. Klement,

Rock Solid Trail Contracting, LLC (RSTC) is pleased to submit the following response to request for proposals as an expression of our desire to be considered for construction of the Garman Nature Preserve Trail.

RSTC is recognized as one of the highest-quality trail builders in the country, with a diverse portfolio of trail design, construction and maintenance projects. Currently, we are working on community projects in multiple states, including Arkansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Texas, West Virginia and Wisconsin. Our team has extensive experience in developing community-focused trail systems and would be able to provide you a unique opportunity to not only construct a world-class trail right in your backyard but also learn about sustainable trail construction from our skilled crew.

Attached herein you will find our company and team qualifications, as well as profiles of past projects consistent in scope with your project and complete with references. We have also attached a write-up of our approach using the specified equipment, along with a proposed schedule of work and our rates for this project.

As a Michigan-based small business, our experienced team of designers, engineers, professional support staff and nearly 60 full-time trail builders have the capability, expertise and capacity to exceed the expectations of your community and delight trail users for years to come. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have related to this proposal.

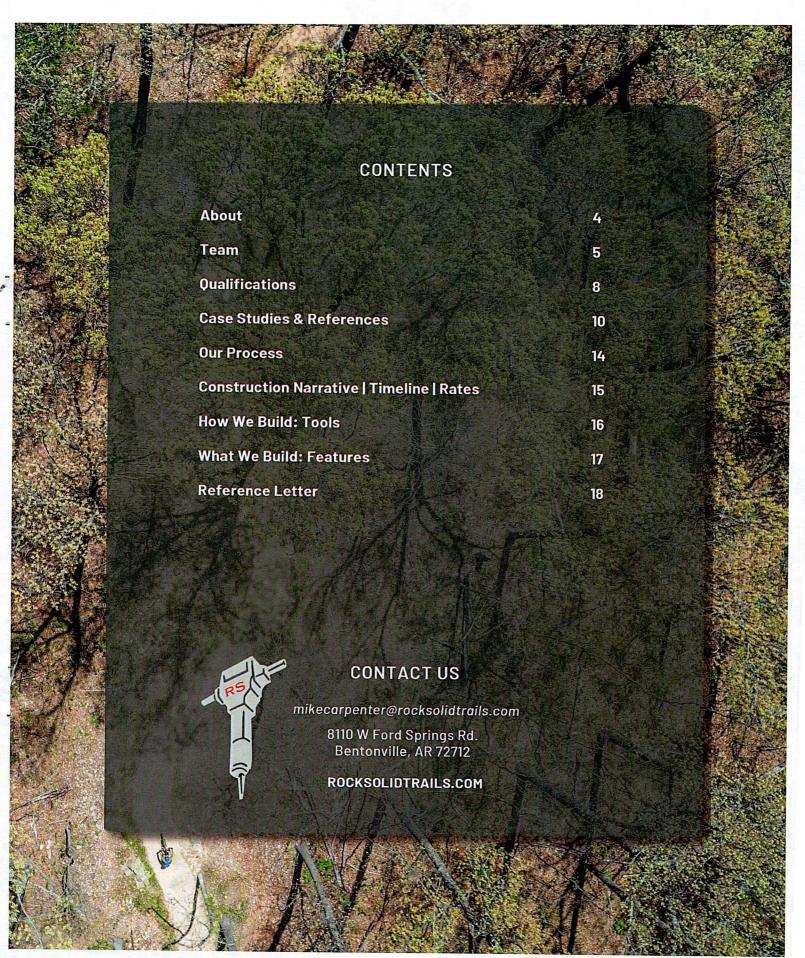
Thank you for your time and your consideration,

Mike Carpenter, Project Manager

Michael Waysents

763-248-2790 | mikecarpenter@rocksolidtrails.com

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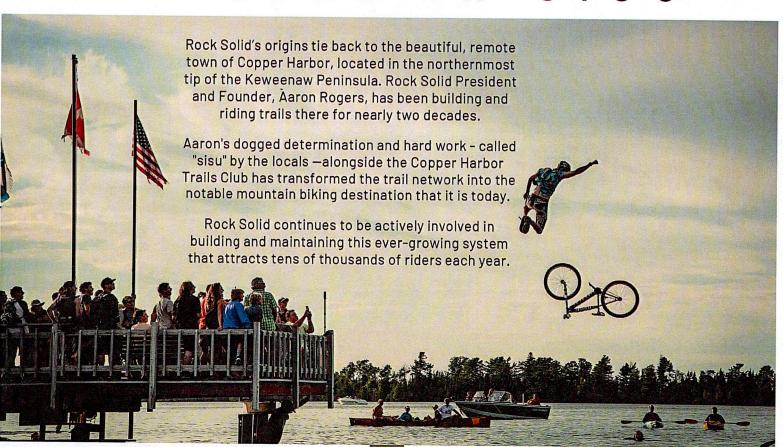


Based out of Copper Harbor, MI and Bentonville, AR, Rock Solid Trail Contracting, LLC is dedicated to creating the best mountain bike trails in the industry. Since 2014, Rock Solid has built hundreds of miles of trail in the United States, concentrated mostly in Midwestern states like Arkansas, Michigan and Minnesota. Recognized as one of the largest and highest-quality trail builders in the country, Rock Solid creates destination-worthy trail systems and elevates hometown trail systems to regionally-recognized status. Rock Solid is also at the forefront of MTB centric urban trail connectivity.

From planning and design to construction, Rock Solid demonstrates respect for our natural world through the most sustainable build methods. We believe trails are catalysts for promoting health in local communities, economies and environments. Our unique trails have garnered a reputation for not only being packed with fun features but also standing the test of time. This is made possible by our extensive knowledge of landscape ecosystems which helps us to create the best, most durable trails possible with local materials available.



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## **AARON ROGERS**

President | Founder



Prior to starting Rock Solid, Aaron was President of the Copper Harbor Trails Club and Trail Specialist for the International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA), where he built trails, consulted with local clubs and government agencies to develop IMBA standards, and trained other builders. With more than a decade of mountain bike trail construction experience, Aaron's dedication to mountain biking has influenced industry standards across the country.

Aaron believes that trails should be viewed as a social experience, bringing users together. He stresses the importance of creating a social environment through quality trailhead designs and thoughtful integration of trails into parks and recreational infrastructure. Rock Solid is known for its memorable experiences, driven by Aaron's creative vision that exists outside of the confines of what most feel is possible. Pushing the limits has been his goal from the first day he started building trail in Copper Harbor.

# Matt Britton serves as a Project Manager, supporting the design and fabrication teams. He joined the Rock Solid team in 2022 after almost a decade of experience as a civil engineering consultant. Matt is excited to bring his background and skills to bear on our client's projects and help

Originally from Grand Rapids, MI, Matt learned to ride in the sandy hills of the Lower Peninsula. Since relocating to Bentonville, he spends as much of his free time as he can exploring the Ozarks by bike. He earned both a Bachelors and Masters in Civil Engineering from Purdue University, and is a licensed Professional Engineer in Michigan, as well as Arkansas.

Rock Solid continue delivering the best trail experiences in the industry.

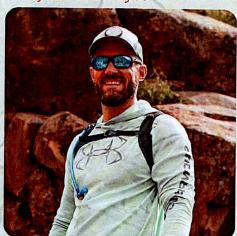
## MATT BRITTON

Project Manager



## MIKE CARPENTER

Project Manager

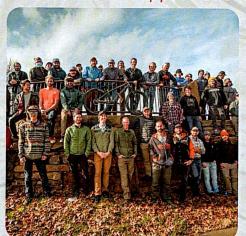


A Minnesota native, Mike has lived on the Canadian border, the southern farmlands, and in the northern lake region, but no matter the location, he could be found on a bike during all his life stages. Mike, his wife, and their two sons discovered their passion for mountain biking on the trail system that Rock Solid built in Cuyuna, MN. This is also where Mike and his friends founded a non-profit youth development organization dedicated to getting kids active in the outdoors, www.rydemn.org.

Mike relocated to NW Arkansas in 2022 and joined the Rock Solid team as Project Manager in 2023, bringing with him more than 20 years of construction project management experience ranging from commercial construction to the design and build of large industrial plants across the Midwest. Mike earned his Bachelors of Science in Mechanical Engineering at Mankato State University, and a Masters in Business Administration from Southwest Minnesota State.

## **ROCK SOLID TEAM**

Foreman and Support Staff



We have many talented team members that make Rock Solid the skilled and successful company that it is today. As of October 2023, we have over 70 trail builders and support staff, giving us the depth and flexibility to simultaneously take on a number of projects that range in size and difficulty levels.

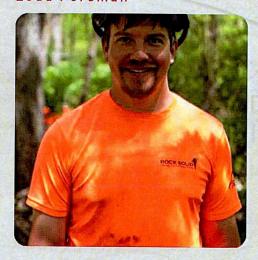
Rock Solid works with each individual client to choose a foreman whose interests and skill sets match each unique build. While crew assignments are made closer to the start of a specific project, all of our foremen are featured on our website along with their credentials. The foremen below exemplify the leadership that Rock Solid provides to meet our clients' specific project needs.

## **RONNIE WAGNER**

Lead Foreman

Ronnie Wagner, originally from Mass City, MI, grew up loving the outdoors - hunting, fishing, hiking, snowboarding and split boarding. He started riding BMX early on, but was drawn to mountain biking when he attended Michigan Tech University, where he earned a B.S. in Sport and Fitness Management.

Ronnie joined Rock Solid in 2016 and has been part of noteworthy projects such as Giants Ridge (Assistant Foreman), Little Sugar Trails (Assistant Foreman/Foreman), Redhead Bike Park (Foreman) and Bailey's Trail System (Lead Foreman). His favorite style of trail to build is flowy singletrack but his favorite style to ride is technical downhill.



## NILS HEMPLE

Lead Foreman

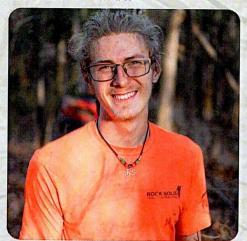


Hailing from Rhinelander WI, Nils is one of Rock Solid's foundational employees. He started out as a handworker and quickly demonstrated his trail building aptitude, becoming one of our top foremen.

Nils has worked on flow trails, jump trails, XC trails and hand-built trails, with thousands of square feet of technical rockwork under his belt. He has served as foreman on projects such as the Upper Hixon Trail System (La Crosse, WI), Giants Ridge Recreation Area (Biwabik, MN), Christmas Mountain (Petoskey, MI) and Lake Leatherwood (Eureka Springs, AR). He was lead foreman at Centennial Park in Fayetteville, AR - an exciting 15-mile project that includes beginner and intermediate flow trails plus advanced cyclocross and cross country courses that have hosted world-class events like the 2022 UCI Cyclo-Cross World Championships.

## KADEN DEGENHARDT

Lead Foreman

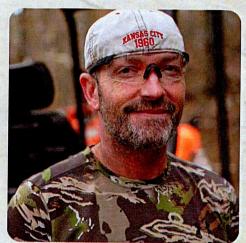


A native of Eau Claire, WI, Kaden joined Rock Solid in 2020. With his easy-going personality and outstanding bike skills, he quickly impressed our veteran foremen with his mix of grit and finesse. His background in motocross, combined with his interest in one-wheel trail experiences, shows in his unique and playful lines.

Kaden cut his teeth building Split Rock Wilds in Minnesota, which is one of the more difficult projects Rock Solid has ever undertaken due to the extremely rocky terrain and remote location. Some of Kaden's other projects include the gravity trails at Giants Ridge (MN), gravity and cross-country trails at River Mountain (Little Rock, AR), and the Zone 4 Climb Trail in Bentonville, AR, which required placement of several hundred tons of rock as well as fabrication of several dimensional lumber post and beam bridges and skinnies.

## KEVIN SELLERS

Lead Foreman



From Lake of the Ozarks, MO, Kevin is no stranger to hard work and adventure. He owned and operated both a construction company that specialized in on-site wastewater tech for 23 years, and a commercial motocross track for 10 years before starting with Rock Solid in 2019.

Kevin began building trail at Mount Nebo, AR, and he became foreman later that year. His other projects include Split Rock Wilds (MN), Cuyuna State Recreation (MN) and East Bluff in Copper Harbor (MI). If you ever ride Split Rock Wilds you may come across the 'Sellers' trail, on which he led the build. Kevin is also our resident expert on aggregate surface and chip seal trail projects. His favorite style of trail is hand-built backwoods single track with technical climbs and descents.

## KYLE COPELAND

Lead Foreman



Kyle "Copes" grew up riding BMX and snowboarding in Nunica, MI, and was eventually drawn to mountain biking because of its similarities to snowboarding. He attended Compass College, where he majored in film, but after some time in the film industry, he took a position with Parks and Recreation in Holland, MI, managing bike paths, and performing arborist duties. Kyle joined Rock Solid in the Fall of 2017, bringing his park management experience to trail building.

He started at Giants Ridge before traveling to Arkansas to work on projects like Back 40 and Mt. Fitzgerald. His other projects include Copper Harbor, Tofte Connector, Little Sugar, Mount Nebo, Redhead, Tioga, Centennial Park, LaCrosse, Cuyuna, and Devil's Den. Kyle enjoys utilizing rock, either by hand or in an excavator, to enhance trails, and riding fast, technical downhill trails like those at Sprit Mountain or Windrock bike park. His favorite trails are challenging, steep, and rocky with drops.

## NOT YOUR AVERAGE TRAILBUILDERS



### **PTBA Membership**

Rock Solid has been a member in good standing of the Professional Trail Builders Association since 2014.

In 2022, we were selected to host several trail building workshops at the PTBA conference in Bentonville, AR.



## **USFS Sawyer Training**

To ensure our employees have the proper training, Rock Solid hosts biennial chainsaw certification programs, providing our new employees with vital safety training and our existing employees with the opportunity to refine their skills.



## **Federal Registrations**

Registration of our fleet with the US Department of Transportation helps with completing safety audits and provides public accountability. Rock Solid meets federal contracting EEO requirements and has current registration on SAM.gov.



## Multi-state Licensing\*

- Arkansas
- Colorado
- lowa
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- North Carolina
- Utah
- Texas
- Wisconsin
- West Virginia
- \*This list is not exhaustive



### **Professional Support**

To provide accountability and support to both our team and our clients, Rock Solid has in-house professional support staff, including an HR Manager and a CPA.

Rock Solid also works closely with external professionals to secure bonds and certificates of insurance listing our clients as additional insured parties.



### **Design Capability**

Rock Solid's planning and fabrication teams are supported by in-house 2D CAD drafting and 3D modeling capabilities.

We strive to be on the cutting edge of trail building techniques and utilize new technology when possible. Recent additions include 3D drone scans to produce site models for features.



#### **Project Management**

Project managers and foremen attend on-site construction coordination meetings as needed to discuss updates, logistics and productivity.

We utilize Basecamp as our communication and project management software, which serves as a platform to exchange information between our team members and our clients.



## **SWPPP Inspectors**

We take erosion control seriously and have multiple team members certified as Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan inspectors. We prefer to revegetate with cover crops or native seed but take the extra step to place erosion control blankets or erosion control logs when needed.

# MEMBER COMPANY IN GOOD STANDING

THIS CERTIFIES THAT

## **Rock Solid Trail Contracting, LLC**

Has met all requirements to remain a current member in good standing of the Professional TrailBuilders

Association for the year

2024

January 1, 2024

DATE

Professional TrailBuilders

AARYN KAY
Executive Director

## The Professional TrailBuilders Association

#### WE BRING GREAT TRAILS TO LIFE

The Professional TrailBuilders Association (PTBA) is the world's only trade association for the trail industry, representing 125 private sector member companies who specialize in trail planning, design, and/or construction.

Each PTBA member company has been rigorously reviewed and vetted by their peers prior to being offered membership. The application process includes a portfolio submission and in-depth review that evaluates:

- Quality trail product documented by project portfolios
- Professionalism as documented by letters of reference from clients and partners
- Sponsorship by a current PTBA member company in good standing who has worked with the applying company and can attest to the quality of their trail product and professionalism

Learn more: trailbuilders.org

## **Baileys Trail System**

Where: Wayne National Forest, OH

When: 2022-2023 Length: 26 miles

Type: Natural Surface Multi-Use Trails





## REFERENCE

Outdoor Recreation Council of Appalachia Jeremy Wimpey, Owner's Rep / Trail Expert jeremyw@appliedtrailsresearch.com

Baileys Trail System was selected as the first National Forest outdoor recreation conservation finance pilot project. The trail plan transformed a blank canvas into a worldclass trail system that Rock Solid was selected to help construct. This unique trail system, slated to be 88 miles at completion, is connecting the small towns of Athens County, OH as it winds through the Wayne National Forest - a patchwork of public land that covers a quarter of a million acres in the Appalachian foothills. The rolling hills, lush forest and abandoned mines create a distinctive terrain for mountain biking.

To date, Rock Solid has built close to 26 miles of trail, ranging in ability from beginner to advanced, inviting riders of all skill levels to enjoy the experience. The trails include jumps and technical trail features, as well as rock armored sections constructed from both native and imported materials.





## **Gateway Trail System**

Where: LaCrosse, WI

When: 2020 Length: 6 miles

Type: Natural Surface Mixed-Use Trails





### REFERENCE

Outdoor Recreation Alliance & City of LaCrosse Jed Olson, Executive Director ORA Trails | jed@oratrails.org After working on trail improvement projects in Upper Hixon Forest in 2018 and 2019, ORA brought Rock Solid in again to construct part of the Gateway Trail System in Grandad Bluff Park. This six-mile network of shared-use trails provides neighborhood access to the heart of the city while also bringing users through diverse terrains and trail experiences.

Though the trails were built from scratch in an area with no previous trails, we faced a handful of constraints and tricky logistical challenges. The trails range from hike-only stone staircases to expert MTB-optimized trails that challenge all levels of rider while minimizing user conflict in a shared use setting. These trails were constructed for physical sustainability in a time where the region was experiencing unprecedented weather events, and the trails have proven to be durable.





## Legacy Park - Phase 1

Where: Northville, MI

When: 2024 Length: 4.5 miles

Type: Multiple Purpose-Built Trail Types





#### REFERENCE

Charter Township of Northville

Derek Smith, Director of Parks & Recreation
dsmith@twp.northville.mi.us

Rock Solid was selected to build the first phase of trails at Legacy Park, a unique build site nestled among the trees on 349 acres. The property, once the site of the state mental hospital, is being converted to a large nature preserve and activity park with a plan to build multiple phases of trails for hikers and mountain bikers.

Phase 1 included 1.6 miles of beginner level mountain bike optimized trail, 1.75 miles of hiking-only trail and .8 miles of Accessible surfaced trail. Part of the area runs through low-lying marshy terrain, but our talented builders constructed boardwalks to assist users in traversing these areas when water would have otherwise prevented it. The variety of trail incorporated into this build opens the door to a range of park visitors, allowing for people of all ages to explore the new park on foot or by bike. The build also included a parking lot at the trailhead for guests, design and install of trail signage and kiosks with trail maps.



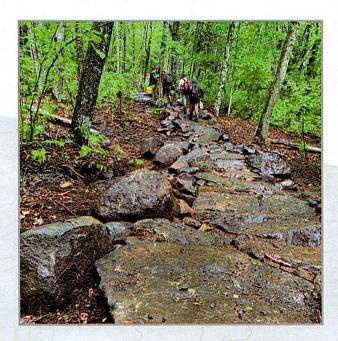


## **Tofte-Lutsen Connector**

Where: Superior National Forest, MN

When: 2019 Length: 16 miles

Type: Natural Surface Wilderness Trail





### REFERENCE

Superior National Forest
Cathy Quinn, Recreation Specialist
Gunflint Ranger District | cathleen.quinn@usda.gov

As part of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Legacy Program and the Federal Recreational Trails Program, Rock Solid was contracted by Cook County and the Superior Cycling Association to build a mountain biking connector within a trail corridor of U.S. Forest Service land. This project required awareness of and adherence to USFS and USDA trail construction guidelines related to natural and cultural resources protection.

The Jackpot and High Climber trails together form the mountain biking trail connector from the Britton Peak trails near Tofte, MN to the Lutsen Mountains. These wilderness trails wind through the Sawtooth Mountains, offering riders a one-of-a-kind experience with big climbs and rewarding, fast and flowy descents over and around ancient rock formations. The trail features include jumps, rollers, massive berms, incredible rock features and scenic vistas, all nestled in the maple forest of the North Shore.





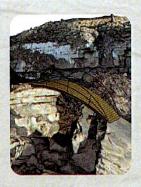
Most ideas start as dreams but figuring out how to get the wheels rolling can be daunting. Rock Solid's Planning and Design Team guides our clients through the process of planning and design. Proper planning is critical for building world-class trails, and our team's goal is to bring your dreams as close to shovel ready as possible so that builders can turn those dreams into reality!

We begin with a project assessment to discuss key details about your project, which we then use to generate a proposal to submit for bid. From there we will determine the best approach for concept planning, physical trail design and high-level feature design, if needed. Professionally designed trails ensure that builders can take advantage of the best terrain and signature features that each project area has to offer while staying on budget and avoiding undesirable or sensitive areas.











## FROM DREAMS...



..TO REALITY

- Standard construction methods for basic trail building include breaking ground with a lead excavator and creating the trail vision from the flag line. An optional second sweeper refines the trail for handworkers as they filter loose rocks from the tread, compact, clear brush, and re-naturalize outslope.
- As our name suggests, working with rock is our specialty, whether it's benching a bedrock side slope, utilizing on-site rocks to create features, or importing rocks to enhance ride experience.
- We employ multiple foremen with years of woodworking experience, which they have adapted to recreate Aaron's unique build style. Typically, we use cedar because of its hardiness and rot resistance, but we can also import wood or use on-site trees to build bridges and other features.
- Steel is functional and steadfast, providing reliable strength to a feature.
   Our fabrication crew has extensive experience building structures both in the field and in-house, welding steel into sculptures of art that are fun to ride while always considering rider safety.

#### **PROPOSED WORK PLAN**

We propose to send a skilled team of two crew to complete this project. Our crew would work in conjunction with your team to teach them about sustainable trail design and construction as they all work on building the trail.

Following the flag line, our crew would begin by cutting the trail with a U17 or U27 excavator. Rock Solid has both sizes of machines and can bring either to the job site for a separate fee, or we can use the machines owned by the city and Trek for a cost savings. The U17 would be the best and preferred option for your project, as a smaller machine is easier to guide around sensitive oak tree roots, thereby minimizing environmental impact.

After our team cuts the trail, they will come behind with hand tools and your team to complete the finish work while simultaneously teaching your team how to delicately finish and maintain the tread by hand.

#### PROPOSED SCHEDULE

We estimate that this work can be completed in 2 weeks with the help of your team, and we propose to complete the work during the 2024 fall build season if possible. Otherwise, we could send our foremen to start work in the spring build season of 2025.

RATES					
FOREMAN/TEAM	\$2000/DAY (includes all equipment EXCEPT excavator)				
ROCK SOLID U17	\$850/WEEK				
MOBILIZATION	\$3500				

#### PROPOSED FEE

We estimate that this work would cost approximately \$23,500 using our team and your equipment for the projected 2-week timeline. If we bring our U17, then the total cost would be approximately \$25,200.

## **HOW WE BUILD**













# TOOLS

- 1. Milwaukee tools
- 2. Mcleods
- 3. Kubota skid steer
- 4. Kubota U55 excavator
- 5. Arc welders
- 6. Pulaski
- 7. Rock saw, hammers, U27 excavator
- 8. U27, U55, Canycom, Rock Bar
- 9. Pins & Feathers
- 10. Measuring wheel
- 11. S25A Canycom
- 12. Gas powered jackhammer
- 13. U17 excavators















## WHAT WE BUILD











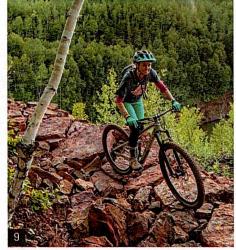
## **TRAILS & FEATURES**

- 1. Choo Choo in Slaughter Pen
- 2. Tunnel Vision in Little Sugar
- 3. Gap jumps at Centennial Park
- 4. Zone 4 at Handcut Hollow
- 5. Stonehenge at Centennial Park
- 6. Bridge at Lake Vian City Park
- 7. Castle Hub in Slaughter Pen
- 8. Rukivias Revenge at Tioga
- 9. Redhead Mountain Bike Park
- 10. Split Rock Wilds Shipwreck Creek
- 11. Giants Ridge Bike Park Goliath
- 12. Cuyuna Maracao
- 13. Massive berm retaining wall
- 14. Rock Drop at Handcut Hollow





















Forestry/Land Dept.

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Lake County Courthouse
601 3rd Ave
Two Harbors, MN 55616

Office Phone: 218-834-8340

To whom it may concern,

In 2020 Lake County Forestry hired Rock Solid Trail Contracting to build phase 1 of the Split Rock Wilds Trail system. This trail system was built on the very rocky and rugged North Shore of Lake Superior. The major challenges to this build were access and terrain. Most of the area required crews to commute by ATV or bicycle to reach the jobsite. The lack of soil and large quantity of rock made for a tough build. The 12 miles of phase 1 was built on time and within budget.

In 2021 Rock Solid returned to build Split Rock Wilds phase 2. The goal of this phase of the project was to create a trail loop throughout the area and increase the trail diversity of the trail system. Adding a trail loop option to improve the trail user experience and open area up to a more diverse range of riders. The Split Rock Wilds Phase 2 was built to be less technical and easier to ride than the trail built in 2020 the terrain is gentler and slightly less rocky. The 9 miles of phase 2 was built on time and within budget. The crews of Rock Solid Trail Contracting were very professional and easy to work with.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the Split Rock Wilds project, please contact me.

Regards,

Dave Cizmas

Lake County Forestry

David.cizmas@co.lake.mn.us

218-834-8340



ORA Trails 125 7th St. N La Crosse WI 54601 www.ORATrails.org October 8, 2020

For More info, contact: Jed Olson jed@oratrails.org

After bringing Rock Solid Trail Contracting to the La Crosse area to work on trail improvement projects in Upper Hixon Forest in 2018 and 2019, the Outdoor Recreation Alliance partnered with Rock Solid to construct a portion of the Gateway Trail System in Grandad Bluff Park again in 2020. The Gateway System is a 6 mile network of shared use trails that provides neighborhood access to the heart of our city while also bringing users through diverse terrains and trail experiences. Although the Gateway Trail System was built from scratch in an area that had no previous trail network, there were still a handful of constraints and tricky logistical challenges. Rock Solid delivered with complete satisfaction and helped build a legacy of recreation in our community.

The trails constructed by Rock Solid range from hike only stone staircases to expert level bike optimized trails. The design and construction are well executed in that they challenge all levels of riders while minimizing user conflict in a shared use setting. The trails were constructed to modern best practices for user experience and physical sustainability. In a time when we are seeing unprecedented weather events, the trails have proven to be well constructed and durable. The trail system has been enjoyed by our community and has been given acclaim by users and media alike.

https://freehubmag.com/features/anything-driftless

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gsl2t-IYvmM

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ORA Trails has been lucky to work with Rock Solid on past projects and we look forward to working with them in future.

Please feel free to reach out for more information-

## **REPORT**

# TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Committee, having considered petitions to amend the official zoning map of Jefferson County, filed for public hearing held on July 18, 2024 and September 19, 2024, as required by law pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, notice thereof having been given, and being duly advised of the wishes of the town boards and persons in the areas affected, hereby makes the following recommendations:

## APPROVAL OF PETITIONS R4548A-24, R4555A-24, R4556A-24, and R4557A-24

# DATED THIS THIRTIETH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024 Blane Poulson, Secretary

THE PRIOR MONTH'S AMENDMENTS
R4550A-24, R4551A-24, R4553A-24 and R4554A-24

ARE EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE BY COUNTY BOARD, SUBJECT TO WIS. STATS. 59.69(5)

## ORDINANCE NO. 2024-

## **Amending Official Zoning Map**

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors has heretofore been petitioned to amend the official zoning map of Jefferson County, and

WHEREAS, Petitions R4548A-24, R4555A-24, R4556A-24 and R4557A-24 were referred to the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Committee for public hearing on July 18, 2024 and September 19, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments have been given due consideration by the Board of Supervisors in open session.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors does amend the official zoning map of Jefferson County as follows:

## From A-1 Exclusive Agricultural to A-3 Agricultural and Rural Residential

Rezone to create a 2.0-acre parcel at N7513 County Road F in Town of Ixonia, PIN 012-0816-3431-000. This is in accordance with Sec. 11.04(f)8 of the Jefferson County Zoning Ordinance. Rezoning is conditional upon receipt of and recording of the final certified survey map, receipt of suitable soil test, access approval of maintaining authority, and filing of affidavit of zoning status on remaining lands. R4548A-24 Michael Braatz. Property is owned by John A & Nancy C Braatz Trust.

Rezone to create two 1-acre lots west of N5913 Ziebell Road in the Town of Aztalan, PIN 002-0714-2114-000. This is in accordance with Sec. 11.04(f)8 of the Jefferson County Zoning Ordinance. Rezoning is conditional upon receipt of and recording of the final certified survey map, receipt of suitable soil test, access approval of maintaining authority, and filing of affidavit of zoning status on remaining lands. R4555A-24 Charlie Oestreich

Rezone to create a 2-acre lot from property at W2265 State Road 106 in the Town of Sullivan, PIN 026-0616-3143-005 and reconfiguring Lot 1 CSM 4680 (W2265 State Road 106) to maintain 1.0-acre size. This is in accordance with Sec. 11.04(f)8 of the Jefferson County Zoning Ordinance. Rezoning is conditional upon receipt of and recording of the final certified survey map, receipt of suitable soil test, and access approval of maintaining authority. R4556A Derek and Megan Plucinski

Rezone to create a 1-acre lot along County Road T in the Town of Watertown, PIN 032-0814-1112-000. The property is owned by Charles Sigmund Jaskolka and Lee Ann Weise-Jaskolka. This is in accordance with Sec. 11.04(f)8 of the Jefferson County Zoning Ordinance. Rezoning is conditional upon receipt of and recording of the final certified survey map, receipt of suitable soil test, access approval of maintaining authority, extraterritorial plat review and filing of affidavit of zoning status on remaining lands. R4557A Brent and Sydney Olson

The above zoning amendments shall be null and void and have no effect one year from the date of County Board approval unless all applicable conditions have been completed.

Referred By:

Planning and Zoning Committee

10-08-2024

REVIEWED: Corporation Counsel: DHT Finance Director:

## **APPOINTMENTS BY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

By virtue of the authority vested in me under Sections 59.18(2)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes, I respectfully request confirmation of the following appointments:

- a. Jefferson County Library Board appointment Addendum
- b. Tim Semo to the Jefferson County Library Board for a three-year term ending December 31, 2027
- c. Linda Ager to the Bridges Federated Library System Board for a three-year term ending December 31, 2027
- d. Steve Ganser to the Human Services Board for a three-year term ending November 1, 2027
- e. Michael Wineke to the Human Services Board for a three-year term ending November 1, 2027

### \*APPOINTMENTS BY FAIR PARK COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Jefferson County Ordinance 2023-17, the Jefferson County Fair Park Committee moves for confirmation of following appointments to the Jefferson County Fair Advisory Board:

2 -year term expiring on August 31, 2026

Tracy Brandel (Town of Lake Mills)

Ashley Sinkula (Town of Palmyra)

Jerry Wilcenski (Village of Waukesha)

David Zimmerman (City of Lake Mills)

Angie Greving (Town of Sullivan)

Jim Schroeder (City of Jefferson)

\*Robert Ganzow (Town of Jefferson)