

Buffalo County Resolution

Agenda Item 5

Drafted By:
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Presented Month/Year:
March 2021
Involved Committees:
Finance
Economic Development Committee



County Department:
Economic Development
Fiscal Impact: YES / NO
AC Approved: YES / NO

RESOLUTION # 21-03-10

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE GREAT RIVER STATE TRAIL-WINONA CONNECTOR- PHASE II

WHEREAS, Buffalo County adopted Resolution No. 19-09-03 approving the application for Federal Land Access Program (FLAP) Grant for Phase II of the Great River State Trail-Winona Connector; and,

WHEREAS, Buffalo County was awarded a FLAP Grant, with funds available in FY22 in the amount of \$1,200,000.00 for phase II projects, with a cost share of \$240,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, a capital campaign has been established to raise private funding from Minnesota and Wisconsin businesses and residents, by Crescendo Fundraising Professionals hired by the Flyway Trail Board, a citizen group committed to this project and to be used as matching funds for eligible grants; and,

WHEREAS, Buffalo County was awarded a Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Transportation Alternatives Grant (TAP) Grant in 2004 for Phase I; and,

WHEREAS, the TAP Grant funding has a remaining balance of approximately \$90,000.00, under design ID 7224-00-02 which may be utilized for Phase-II design costs until June 30, 2023 for; and,

WHEREAS, the Flyway Trail Donation Campaign has received pledges for Phase II in the amount of \$403,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, the Flyway Trail Board is asking for support from Buffalo County to facilitate the RFP process allowing for the creation of engineering studies and plans for Phase II and to use grant funding combined with funding raised from the capital donation campaign to pay for these costs; and,

WHEREAS, Buffalo County supports Phase II which completes the final 2.8 miles section of the Winona Connector to provide access to over 200 plus miles of trails in Wisconsin and over 3,000-mile Mississippi River Trail.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors grant authorization for the Phase II Engineering Study with no use of levied tax dollars and to authorize the County Administrative Coordinator authorization to sign any contract awarded to complete the study.

Adopted at a duly called and noticed meeting of the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors on the 22nd day of March, 2021.

Roxann Harrison
County Clerk

ATTEST:

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County Board Chairperson

Respectfully Submitted:

Economic Development Committee

Max Weiss

LeeAnne Bulman

Brad Schmidtkecht

Thomas Taylor

David Danzinger

Finance Committee

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Max Weiss

Yes, via TEAMS
David Danzinger

ANTICIPATED FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Preliminary Engineering Cost	\$150,000.00
Grant - Revenue	(\$ 90,000.00)
Flyway Trail Donation Revenue	(\$ 60,000.00)
Total Fiscal Impact to County	None