

2 **RESOLUTION: Authorize the Winnebago County Executive to Submit Grant Applications**
3 **on Behalf of Winnebago County to Organizations that Have an Interest in**
4 **Assisting Winnebago County in Acquiring \$33,650 in Funding, and**
5 **Dedicate that Funding Towards the Installation of a Canoe/Kayak/Fishing**
6 **Launch/Pier at Asylum Point Park**

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8 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

9 **WHEREAS**, kayaking is being recognized as one of the fastest growing sports in the United States and is
10 gaining in popularity throughout the region; and

11 **WHEREAS**, canoeing and kayaking are leisure activities that require a relatively low level of monetary
12 commitment and can, therefore, be enjoyed by a broader range of outdoor enthusiasts as opposed to most other
13 types of water sports; and

14 **WHEREAS**, since establishing the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway Water Trail, offering users a self-guided
15 tour through the most scenic river corridors in the area, the sponsor of the Trail wishes to form partnerships with local
16 municipalities interested in taking advantage of this new asset by improving overall accessibility to the Trail; and

17 **WHEREAS**, over the past several years Parks Department officials have observed a tremendous increase in
18 the public's interest in the fishing opportunities presented within Asylum Bay which makes up the southern boundary
19 of Asylum Point Park; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the route of the Fox-Wisconsin Heritage Parkway Water Trail includes passage through Asylum
21 Bay; and

22 **WHEREAS**, it would be beneficial for citizens of Winnebago County to not only be provided with canoe and
23 kayak access to Asylum Bay, but increased shoreline fishing opportunities as well; and

24 **WHEREAS**, many grant opportunities are available to assist applicants in improving canoe/kayak launching
25 facilities; and

26 **WHEREAS**, there are also many grant opportunities available that focus on improving opportunities for
27 anglers to access fishing spots along shoreline areas through use of docks and piers; and

28 **WHEREAS**, the aforementioned grant opportunities include such organizations as The American Canoe
29 Association, the Stand Up Paddle Association, the United States Canoe Association, Northwest River Supplies,
30 Hobie, Hook1, Challenge the Outdoors, and Fishing Has No Boundaries as well as county conservation and state
31 stewardship funds; and

32 **WHEREAS**, it is estimated that the approximate cost to purchase and install a seasonal canoe/kayak/fishing
33 launch/pier capable of meeting the needs of citizens interested in using the assets common to Asylum Point Park is
34 \$33,650; and

35 **WHEREAS**, it is proposed that Winnebago County seek to fully fund the \$33,650 required to establish a
36 seasonal canoe/kayak/fishing launch/pier at Asylum Point Park by submitting grant applications to organizations
37 interested in funding such a venture; and

38 **WHEREAS**, it is appropriate that Winnebago County acquire the full amount of grant funding required to
39 facilitate the establishment and installation of a canoe/kayak/fishing launch/pier at Asylum Point Park, and dedicate
40 said funds towards the purchase and installation of the aforementioned facility and for purchasing and prominently
41 displaying signage recognizing the contributing organizations.

