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

## 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

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

WHEREAS, over the past several years Parks Department officials have observed a tremendous increase in
the public's interest in the fishing opportunities presented within Asylum Bay which makes up the southern boundary
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

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

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

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

42	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the
43	Winnebago County Executive be and he hereby is authorized to submit applications on behalf of Winnebago County
44	to such organizations who have an interest in assisting Winnebago County in acquiring a minimum of \$33,650 in
45	funding which will, thereafter, be dedicated to the establishment of a canoe/kayak/fishing launch/pier at Asylum Point
46	Park.
47	BE IT FURTHER RESOLIVED, by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that should these grants be
48	awarded, they be accepted and appropriated to the above-named project.
49 50	<i>Fiscal Note</i> : Using grant sources to entirely fund the purchase of a 5-foot wide X 23-foot long seasonal canoe-
51	kayak launch/fishing pier, there will be little impact on the Parks `16 Budget. Using a two man crew, installation is to
52	be accomplished in four hours time, and removal in only two. The anticipated annual labor cost is estimated at
53	approx. \$500. Hand tools and very limited motorized equipment resources are to be employed
54	Respectfully submitted by:
55	PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
56	Committee Vote: 4-0-1
57	Respectfully submitted by:
58	PERSONNEL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
59	Committee Vote: 5-0
60	Vote Required for Passage: Majority of Those Present
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62	Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this day of, 2015.
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65 66	Mark L Harris Winnebago County Executive