RESOLUTION: Application for Funding Assistance from Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in Support of Breakwall Restoration and Parking Lot Expansion Efforts at Osh-o-Nee Boat Landing

TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS, Winnebago County is responsible for maintaining seven (7) launch facilities that enable citizens to operate boats on area lakes and rivers; and

WHEREAS, Winnebago County recognizes that properly maintained launch facilities are necessary for safe recreational boating; and

WHEREAS, financial assistance, often in the form of matching grant funds, is available from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for assistance in improving and maintaining Winnebago County launch facilities; and

WHEREAS, the breakwall at Osh-o-Nee Boat Landing acts as a support feature that protects the boat ramp facilities from unfavorable weather and ice conditions; and

WHEREAS, over the past 20 years the composition of the breakwall has declined and the protective elements of the structure have been depleted such that new stone ballast will need to be added as part of the restoration process; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that a minimum of 4,000 boats use the Osh-o-Nee Boat Landing launch ramps making it the second highest used boating facility among the seven Winnebago County-owned launches; and

WHEREAS, because of the continuously increasing number of individuals who use the Osh-o-Nee Boat Landing, it is often filled to capacity, and boaters are, thereafter, left with nowhere to park except on a distant town road; and

WHEREAS, it would be appropriate to attempt to better accommodate the boating public at Osh-o-Nee by increasing the parking lot capacity at the boat landing site; and

WHEREAS, it may be possible to offset up to 40% of the estimated \$120,000 cost of the breakwall restoration and parking lot expansion project needed at Osh-o-Nee Boat Landing through funding assistance available through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby authorizes the Winnebago County Executive to submit an application on behalf of Winnebago County to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for such funding aids as may be available to engage in breakwall restoration and parking lot expansion efforts at Osh-o-Nee Boat Landing.

Submitted by:

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

JEROLD FINCH, District 28 THOMAS KONETZKE, District 1 MICHAEL NORTON, District 20 HAROLD SINGSTOCK, District 23 DONALD MILLER, District 6

Committee Vote:

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Vote Required for Passage: Majority of Those Present

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