

2 **RESOLUTION: Authority to Submit a \$95,000 Grant Application to the Fox River Natural**  
3 **Resources Damage Assessment Council to Assist in Funding the**  
4 **Replacement of the Ice Damaged Asylum Point Island Bridge with a Metal**  
5 **Clear Span Structure**

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

9 **WHEREAS**, an ice shove that occurred in 2017 displaced the existing 16-year-old wood pile walking bridge  
10 at Asylum Point Island to the extent that it is no longer useable; and

11 **WHEREAS**, citizens regularly traversed the bridge to cross over from the mainland to Asylum Point Island  
12 where they could view the Asylum Point Lighthouse and enjoy fishing and hiking opportunities; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Parks Department personnel also utilized the bridge for mower access and to service two picnic  
14 area sites; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Asylum Point Island Bridge Replacement Project will require that a contractor remove the  
16 damaged bridge and install a metal frame clear span structure with supporting bridge abutments at an estimated cost  
17 of \$135,000; and

18 **WHEREAS**, currently Winnebago County leases the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources-owned  
19 property where the bridge is located; this lease will expire at the end of 2018, and the plan is to renew the lease for  
20 another five-year term (2019 – 2023); and

21 **WHEREAS**, Winnebago County wishes to act in the spirit of the aforementioned lease in joining with the  
22 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources “to provide adequate access to Lake Winnebago for public use”; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Natural Resources Damage Assessment Council is a potential available monetary source to  
24 help support the bridge replacement, and the aforementioned agency has encouraged Winnebago County to apply to  
25 the NRDA Council for \$95,000 in funding to augment the \$40,000 amount already assigned to the project within the  
26 Parks Department’s 2019 Budget.

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28 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby  
29 authorizes the Winnebago County Executive and the Winnebago County Clerk to apply for \$95,000 in monetary support  
30 from the Natural Resources Damage Assessment Council (NRDA) and commit Winnebago County to engage in the  
31 Asylum Point Island Bridge Replacement Project upon award of an NRDA Council grant.

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33 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby approves of the  
34 commitment to proceed with efforts to replace the damaged wood pile bridge at Asylum Point Island with a metal clear  
35 span structure should the aforementioned grant be awarded to Winnebago County.

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37 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that in the event that an NRDA  
38 grant is not obtained, the Winnebago County Parks Department shall retain the option of engaging in restoration of the  
39 wood pile bridge using the \$40,000 in funds already assigned to the project within the Parks Department’s 2019 Budget.

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41 **Fiscal Impact:** For grant application purposes, the Parks Department has assigned \$40,000 within its 2019 Budget to be  
42 spent on the bridge replacement project with the added intent of also having the expenditure demonstrate  
43 to the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Council (NRDA) an appropriate level of County  
44 commitment towards the bridge project. However, in the event that an NRDA grant is not awarded, the

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Parks Department will have the \$40,000 available to support an alternate plan for repairing the existing wood pile bridge, if necessary.

Given the metal frame design of the bridge and the accompanying elimination of a great deal of the wood support structure and railing system it entails, it is estimated that there will be a savings of up to \$350 per year from reduced wood materials and labor costs

Respectfully submitted by:

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Committee Vote: **4-0**

Respectfully submitted by:

**PERSONNEL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Committee Vote: **4-0**

Vote Required for Passage: **Majority of Those Present**

Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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Mark L Harris  
Winnebago County Executive