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RESOLUTION: Request Authority to Apply for and Accept Grant Funds from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the Waukau Dam Restoration and Improvement Project

TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS, the Waukau Dam is one of Winnebago Counties Nature Preserves located in the Town of Rushford. This park property is utilized by residents for fishing, walking/hiking, mountain biking, snow shoeing, and nature viewing; and

WHEREAS, in February of 2023, the Winnebago County Board approved the 2023 Capital Projects. Included in the Capital Improvement Plan was \$230,000 for engineering, design, and permitting for the Waukau Dam Restoration and Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, The Waukau Dam Restoration and Improvement Project consists of fortifying the stream and pond embankment, paving the parking lot, adding site lighting, replacing the catwalks over the dams, improving accessibility on the walking trail and over the dams, adding a small shade shelter and 2 additional fishing piers; and

WHEREAS, the estimate for construction for this project is \$1,503,630 and was included in Winnebago County's 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan to be funded in 2024 with CIP funds or Spirt Fund dollars.

WHEREAS, Winnebago County is interested in obtaining a cost-share grant in the amount of \$751,815 from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for the purpose of renovations to and improvements at the Waukau Dam.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it authorizes the County Executive and the County Clerk to apply for and accept funds from the DNR for financial assistance that may be available for the Waukau Dam Restoration and Improvement Project.

Fiscal Impact: No immediate impact. If a grant is awarded, the funds may be appropriated through subsequent County Board action during the 2024 Capital Improvement Plan process.

Respectfully submitted by:

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Vote: **5-0**

Respectfully submitted by:

PERSONNEL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Committee Vote: **5-0**

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

Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2023.

Jonathan D. Doemel
Winnebago County Executive