

# Agenda Item Report



**Winnebago County**  
*The Wave of the Future*

DATE: OCTOBER 26, 2021  
TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE  
FROM: DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND EXPO CENTER  
RE: WAUKAU DAM MASTER PLAN AND HYDRAULICS ANALYSIS

## **Background:**

Over the last 3 years, the Waukau Dam has had significant washout and storm damage. Due to these weather events, staff have also had issues with controlling the carp from swimming up stream towards Rush Lake. The Parks Department has experienced 6 weather events in this time period that have caused significant washout and damage.

In 2021, the Parks Department entered into a contract with MSA Professional Services to perform a site evaluation of the Waukau Dam. A preliminary concept plan was created and a recommendation for future improvements to the site to prevent further damage was recommended.

The Parks Department currently has the Waukau Dam listed in the 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Plan for 2025. Staff feel that we need to narrow the scope and the cost estimate so we can better plan for this capital project.

MSA has provided a proposal to perform a Master Plan and Hydraulic Analysis. Through this project we will perform a site survey, create cost estimates, and perform preliminary engineering to create a better understanding of the scope of the project. This process will also investigate funding opportunities including grants and partnerships with other agencies.

## **Requested Action:**

Staff recommends that the Parks and Recreation Committee recommend to the County Board to approve a budget transfer of \$39,000 from temporary labor/FICA and cost savings within the Parks Department's operational budget to create a Master Plan and Hydraulics Analysis Study in order to better determine the scope and the cost of the Waukau Dam project that is currently included in the 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Plan for 2025.

## **Committee Action:**

The Parks and Recreation Committee motioned to approve the budget transfer at their October 26, 2021 committee meeting 5-0.

The Personnel and Finance Committee motioned to approve the budget transfer at their November 4, 2021 committee meeting 5-0

## **Attachments:**

- Budget Transfer Request
- MSA Site Evaluation Report
- Picture of the Waukau Dam Following Large Rain Events
- Videos to be shown at Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
- MSA's Proposal to Create a Master Plan