

Agenda Item Report



Winnebago County
The Wave of the Future

DATE: July 5, 2023
FROM: DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND EXPO CENTER
RE: MOU Waukau Dam Trail

General Description:

The Winnebago County Parks Department would like to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with NorthEast Wisconsin Trails for the purpose of maintaining the Waukau Dam Mountain Bike Trails.

Requested Action:

The Parks Department recommends that the Parks and Recreation Committee recommends to the County Board to authorize the County Executive and County Clerk to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Winnebago County and NorthEast Wisconsin Trails for the purpose of maintaining the mountain bike trails at the Waukau Dam

Procedural Steps:

Parks and Recreation Committee
Action taken: APPROVED
County Board

Meeting date: 8/8/23
Vote: 4-0
Meeting date: 9/19/23

Background:

The Waukau Dam Mountain Bike Trail is a roughly two and a half mile, single track mountain bike trail that meanders along the steep hillsides and through the deep ravines of the Waukau Dam Nature Preserve.

In 2016, the Winnebago County Parks Department began discussions to construct a single-track mountain bike trail at the Waukau Dam. A few local mountain bike enthusiasts volunteered nearly 1,800 hours to build and maintain the trail. The build began in late 2016 and the current layout was completed in September of 2018. The trail is considered an intermediate level mountain bike trail. The rugged landscape makes for challenging climbs, fast descents and amazing views of Waukau Creek and surrounding forest.

Advanced features have been added along the trail for those who wish to hone their skills – numerous bridges, jumps, drops, and skill features help to keep the ride exciting and challenging. Bypasses are available for all the advanced features.

The trail is open for riding year-round (fat tire bikes are required for winter riding), weather permitting. The trail is closed to riding anytime it is wet or muddy. Trail conditions are closely monitored by NEWT.

North East Wisconsin Trails and the Winnebago County Parks Department would like to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding for the continued maintenance and operation of this single track bike trail. We feel that the operation should be more formal in nature as they utilize equipment on park property for clearing the trails.

Attachments:

- Resolution
- MOA Document