

# RESOLUTION

## ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Public Works Committee  
*Initiated by*

Lori Williams, Parks Director  
*Drafted by*

Public Works Committee  
& Parks Advisory Committee  
*Submitted by*



August 20, 2012  
*Date Drafted*

### AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF AVON LAND DONATION FROM THE NATURAL LAND INSTITUTE

1 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Department of Public Works Parks Division was approached by the  
2 Natural Land Institute in regards to a potential land donation of parcel number 6-1-331 in Avon  
3 Township, and;  
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5 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Works Parks Division has toured the property which is adjacent  
6 to the Avon Wildlife Area, a Rock County Park, and;  
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8 **WHEREAS**, the Parks Division has found the land to be an opportunity for the Department to expand  
9 the Avon Wildlife Area by 0.84 acres;  
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11 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled  
12 this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012 does hereby authorize the acceptance of the land donation  
13 of parcel number 6-1-331 in the Avon Township, WI, from the Natural Land Institute, and;  
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15 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Board Chair and the County Clerk be authorized to  
16 execute legal documents related to the land donation on behalf of the County, and;  
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18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the following contingencies set forth by the Natural Land Institute  
19 are acceptable to the Department of Public Works Parks Division: 1) assurance that the property will  
20 remain an undeveloped wildlife area open to the public for passive recreation; acceptable improvements  
21 include a gravel roadway, small parking area and hiking trails, 2) a sign is erected honoring the John  
22 Freedlund family for their donation.

Respectfully submitted,  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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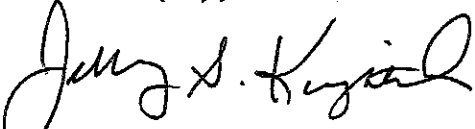
FISCAL NOTE:

No fiscal impact at this time. The Rock County Parks Green Fund has agreed to cover all costs associated with the land donation. Also, the parcel is currently classified as tax exempt. Therefore, there will not be a loss of property tax revenue upon acceptance of this donation. Funding for any future improvements will need to be approved by the County Board by separate resolution or through the budget process.

  
Sherry Oja  
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to secs. 59.01, 59.51 and 59.52(19), Wis. Stats.

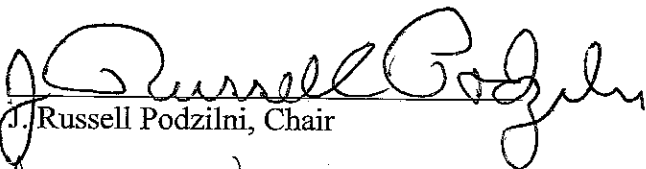
  
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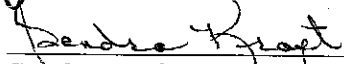
ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

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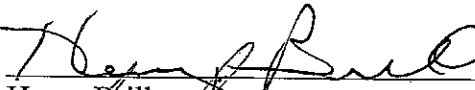
  
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County Administrator


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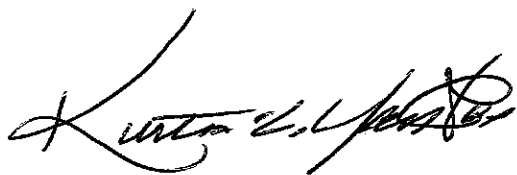
  
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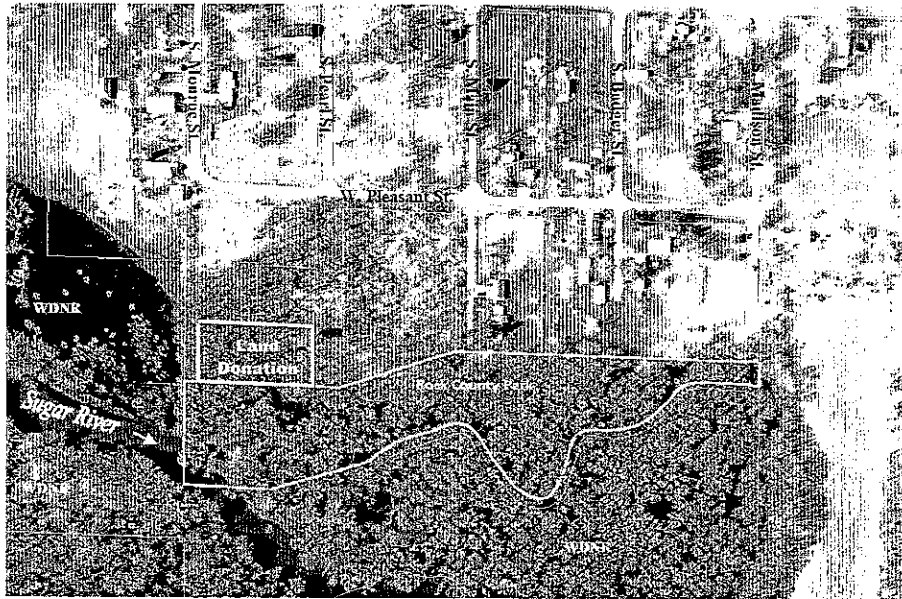
Absent  
Louis Peer



- EXECUTIVE SUMMARY -  
**AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF  
AVON LAND DONATION  
FROM THE NATURAL LAND INSTITUTE**

Rock County Parks was contacted by Jerry Paulson of the Natural Land Institute in regards to a potential land donation. The Natural Land Institute is a private land trust that operates primarily in northern Illinois.

The parcel is approximately one acre of land, parcel number 6-1-331, comprised of lots 78-81 of block 13 of the original Avon plat. The parcel is adjacent to the Avon Wildlife Area, an existing Rock County Park, located on the northwest end of the park.



Rock County Parks will be responsible for all costs associated with the land donation: the title insurance policy and a land boundary survey. These costs will be paid for by the Rock County Park Green fund. The Rock County Green Fund was created in 2001 to raise funds for the Rock County Park system. The Green Fund supports projects "above and beyond" the county parks budget, no county money goes in to the Green Fund.

The Public Works Committee voted unanimously in favor of pursuing the acceptance of this land donation at their August 14, 2012 meeting.