2015 RES-049 AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE WI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Several grant programs administered by the WI Department of Natural Resources support acquisition and development costs for projects identified in the *Dane County Parks & Open Space Plan*. These programs include: the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program, the Lake Protection Program, the River Protection Program, the Land & Water Conservation Fund and the Recreational Trails Program. The Department of Land and Water Resources intends to apply for these funds in order to off set potential expenditures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board of Supervisors and County Executive hereby authorize applications to the WI Department of Natural Resources for financial assistance for the following projects:

- Cherokee Marsh Natural Resource Area
- Sugar River Natural Resource Area

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board of Supervisors and County Executive hereby authorize the Real Estate & Acquisition Director, Acquisition & Planning Specialist, and Real Estate Coordinator to submit grant applications to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation within 6 months of project completion, submit signed documents and take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete approved projects.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the County Board of Supervisors and County Executive recognize and acknowledge the long-term ownership and management responsibilities of the Stewardship, Lake Protection, River Protection, Land and Water Conservation Fund and Recreational Trails Programs, and will comply with all Stewardship, Lake Protection, River Protection, Land & Water Conservation Fund and Recreational Trails laws and regulations and will meet their obligations under any grant agreements for the projects, including the financial obligations under any grants.