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AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A TEMPORARY LIMITED EASEMENT FOR THE GREAT SAUK AND WALKING IRON TRAILS

Dane County Parks, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Sauk County are collaboratively planning a shared-use bicycle/pedestrian trail connecting the Great Sauk Trail in Sauk City to the proposed Walking Iron Trail in Mazomanie. Dane County Parks, in conjunction with Sauk County, is working on the rail to trail conversion from the proposed recreational bridge over the Wisconsin River heading south approximately three miles towards Mazomanie.

Construction of the recreational bridge and Dane County side of the trail will require a temporary limited construction easement (TLE) to cross the property south of the river, known as Buddy's River Resort, which is owned by Equity Trust Company FBO Matt Elsing Roth IRA. The TLE would begin at the campground entrance on USH 12, follow a portion of existing road through the campground and continue southwest to the bridge site, encompassing approximately 2.17 acres. The TLE will end once the project is complete which is estimated at 3 years. The parties have agreed to compensation in the amount of \$150,000 for the TLE.

Funds to pay for this TLE purchase are available in the Wisconsin River Bridge account. Sauk County may cost-share up to 50% of the TLE cost. Payment for the TLE may be made to either Sauk County, the landowner or a title company.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors and the Dane County Executive hereby authorize the purchase of a TLE as described above for \$150,000 plus miscellaneous closing costs according to Wis. Stats. Chapter 27.03(3); and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Dane County Land & Water Resources Department Director and the Real Estate Coordinator are authorized to administer the closing and the transfer of the above-mentioned TLE and the Controller is authorized to issue checks necessary to effectuate the transaction.