

# Agenda Item Report



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

DATE: April 11, 2023

FROM: DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND EXPO CENTER

RE: REQUEST AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR WI DNR STEWARDSHIP FUNDS – WAUKAU DAM

## **General Description:**

The Winnebago County Parks Department is applying for a grant with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the Waukau Dam project. The grant requires a resolution from the County Board.

## **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 make application on behalf of Winnebago County with the Department of Natural Resources for any financial aid available through the WI DNR Stewardship Fund for the Waukau Dam restoration and improvement project.

## **Procedural Steps:**

Parks and Recreation Committee	Meeting date: 4/25/22
Action taken: Approved	Vote: 5-0
Personnel and Finance Committee	Meeting date: 5/4/22
Action taken: Approved	Vote: 5-0
County Board	Meeting date: 5/16/22

## **Background:**

On May 1, 2023, the Parks Department is planning to submit a grant request through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Knowles Nelson Stewardship Fund for a grant amount of \$750,015 to assist in funding the Waukau Dam improvement and renovation project located within the Town of Rushford.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources requires the applicant to pass a resolution stating that if awarded the grant, the applicant will meet the financial obligations necessary to fully and satisfactorily complete the project and grant permission to the County Executive and County Clerk to submit the required documents to the DNR for financial assistance.

## ***Current Project Timeline***

- February, 2023 – County Board Approved the fund for Engineering, Design, and Permitting within the 2023 – 2027 Capital Improvement Plan
- April, 2023 – Request Proposals for Qualified Engineers to bid on the project
- May 1, 2022 – Submit Grant Application to the WI DNR
- Summer – Fall 2023 – Engineering, Design, Permitting

- September, 2023 – Hear Back on the Grant from the WI DNR
- All of 2024 – Request Authority through the 2024 – 2028 Capital Improvement Plan for Construction.

#### *Project Budget*

#### **EXPENSES**

##### *2023*

- \$230,000 Engineering Cost

##### *2024*

- \$1,503,630 Construction Cost

#### **FUNDING SOURCES**

##### *2023*

- \$230,000 County

##### *2024*

- \$750,000 County
- \$751,815 Outside Funding\*\*

\*\*On May 1<sup>st</sup> we will apply for the WI DNR Stewardship Fund Grant. This is a state-wide competitive grant. Results are typically released in September.

#### **Attachments:**

- Resolution