

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN: Your County Administration Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Berrien County Board of Commissioners approved resolution #P1805222 which authorized the development of a master plan for a linear park along Red Arrow Highway; and

WHEREAS, the proposed county-wide linear trail system would connect all of the Berrien County Parks with various funding sources to include but not limited to MDOT and the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, through the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Rural Business Development Grant Program, funds may be available to seek engineering design monies for the Red Arrow Linear Park Pathway Project; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Agriculture requires a formal commitment from the public agency authorizing the application submittal and project; and

WHEREAS, the Berrien County Board of Commissioners would like to apply for \$99,000 in funding for engineering design for the Red Arrow Linear Park Pathway Project, with a grant application deadline of March 31, 2021; and


WHEREAS, the 34% match (\$51,000), will be funded by Berrien County and will be reimbursed by New Buffalo and Chikaming Townships respectively, for a total project design cost of \$150,000.

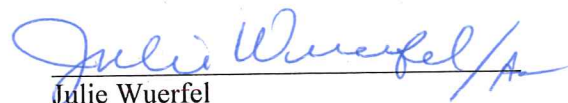
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Administrator to act as an agent on behalf of Berrien County to request Rural Business Development Grant funding, to act as the applicant's agent during the project development, and is authorized to execute a project agreement and related documents upon receipt of a funding award.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
BERRIEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**


Jim Curran, Chairperson


Don Meeks, Vice Chairperson


David Vollrath


Julie Wuerfel

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