



Memorandum

To: Story County Conservation Board

Through: Michael D. Cox, Director

From: Patrick Shehan, Special Projects Ranger

Date: May 10, 2021

Re: Resolution No. 2021-05 Resolution Endorsing a Grant Application to the COVID-19 Relief Recreational Trails Program for Hard Surfacing/Trail Improvements on the Heart of Iowa Nature Trail from the South Skunk River Scenic Bridge to County Road S-14.

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I am requesting your approval to apply for a Covid-19 Relief Recreational Trails Grant for a paving project on the Heart of Iowa Nature Trail. This project will be for the general trail improvements and paving of the approximately 3.13-mile trail section between the South Skunk River Scenic Bridge and S-14 just East of Cambridge. This grant request will be for \$1,050,000 towards the final cost of construction. If approved, these grant funds will be available in FY22.

Staff requests your approval of this Resolution.

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Approval

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Disapproval

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By: Michael Cox, Director

Introduced: May 10, 2021

**Story County Conservation Board**

**Resolution No. 2021-05**

**A Resolution Endorsing a Grant Application to the COVID-19 Relief Recreational Trails Program for Hard Surfacing/Trail Improvements on the Heart of Iowa Nature Trail from the South Skunk River Scenic Bridge to County Road S-14.**

Be it resolved, on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021, that the Story County Conservation Board of Directors endorse and support a grant application to the Covid-19 Relief Recreational Trails Program to Hard Surface/Trail Improvements the Heart of Iowa Nature Trail from the South Skunk River Scenic Bridge to County Road S-14.

Be it further resolved that the Board is committed to the completion and long-term maintenance of the Heart of Iowa Nature Trail. We have been working steadily, as funding allows, for the past two decades toward that end. We believe that the hard surfacing of the trail is consistent with our mission of providing quality recreational and leisure opportunities and, therefore, endorse this grant proposal and to supply adequate matching funds towards its completion. The Story County Conservation Board assures that it will adequately maintain the completed project and keep it open for its intended public use for a minimum of twenty years following project completion. This project will build upon the successes of other central Iowa trails and will provide important quality of life and economic development opportunities.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2021

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Craig Meyers, Chair