

LOWER WISCONSIN STATE RIVERWAY BOARD

RESOLUTION #013-05-08

WHEREAS, the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway encompasses nearly 80,000 acres of public and private lands along the final 92 miles of the Wisconsin River, beginning at the dam at Prairie du Sac and extending to the confluence with the Mississippi River near Prairie du Chien; and,

WHEREAS, the rail corridor between Mazomanie and Prairie du Sac is partially located within the Riverway boundary; and,

WHEREAS, the rail line has not been used to move freight since 1997; and,

WHEREAS, a span of the Wisconsin River railroad bridge has been removed and will require a considerable financial commitment to restore; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Sauk City, Village of Prairie du Sac and Town of Prairie du Sac have proposed conversion of the rail corridor to a recreational trail; and,

WHEREAS, development of a recreational trail on the rail corridor would be consistent with goals and objectives of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway; and,

WHEREAS, the rail corridor also extends from Prairie du Sac to Devil's Lake State Park through the Badger Army Ammunition Plant: now, therefore,

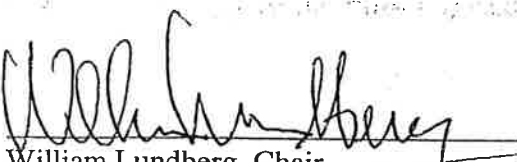
BE IT RESOLVED, the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board endorses the conversion of the rail corridor from Mazomanie to Prairie du Sac to a recreational trail via the Rails to Trails program; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board recognizes the portion of the rail corridor north of Prairie du Sac to Devil's Lake does not fall within the boundary of the Riverway but offers tremendous value for recreational purposes and merits strong consideration for inclusion in conversion of the corridor under the Rails to Trails program; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board recommends the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission work with interested local units of government to establish a recreational trail on the rail corridor; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, Resolution #013-05-08 shall be distributed to Governor James Doyle, state legislators representing the proposed recreational trail corridor, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, the Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission, the Department of Natural Resources, the Sauk County Board Chair, the Dane County Board Chair, the Iowa County Board Chair, the Richland County Board Chair, the Grant County Board Chair, the Crawford County Board Chair, the Prairie du Sac Village President, the Sauk City Village President, the Town of Prairie du Sac Chair, the Town of Mazomanie Chair, the Town of Roxbury Chair and the Mazomanie Village President..

Resolution adopted by the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board on May 8, 2008.


William Lundberg, Chair
Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board

14 MAY 2008
Date