MCHENRY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION #17-16

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR THE CONGESTION MITIGATION AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CMAQ) GRANT FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING OF A CONNECTING TRAIL BETWEEN THE EXISTING SECTIONS OF THE RIDGEFIELD TRACE AT OAK STREET IN CRYSTAL LAKE WITH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, the McHenry County Conservation District (hereinafter referred to as the "DISTRICT"), is authorized to acquire and hold lands for Conservation District Act purposes as set forth in the Conservation District Act; and

WHEREAS, the McHenry County Conservation District recognizes the importance of enhancing the transportation system to accommodate alternate modes of transportation, enhance the transportation system through preservation of visual and cultural resources and improve the quality of life for members of the community; and

WHEREAS, the District has plans to complete a multiuse trail corridor between Crystal Lake and Woodstock (Ridgefield Trace) and has the easements in place for portions of such a trail; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the project is to promote the support of alternate modes of transportation and improve the quality of life for members of the communities impacted; and

WHEREAS, the District in cooperation with the Union Pacific Railroad and Nunda Township Road District have plans to make a trail user, railroad and vehicle user friendly crossing on the trail via an at-grade crossing of the railroad at Oak Street; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), working jointly with other state agencies, local governments, interest groups and citizens in enhancing the transportation system has use of Federal funds to provide reimbursement for up to 80 percent for construction engineering with the balance to come from a local government or state agency; and

WHEREAS, the District recommends entering into a Construction Engineering Services Agreement for Federal Participation to construct and to complete the connection of the Ridgefield Trace at Oak Street in unincorporated Nunda Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the McHenry County Conservation District Board of Trustees hereby expresses its support of the acceptance of the Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for the construction engineering for the Ridgefield Trace Oak Street improvements and hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Trustees on behalf of the Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation under CMAQ funding through the Illinois Department of Transportation; and
AND FURTHER RESOLVES, that the President of the Board of Trustees be authorized to execute the Construction Engineering Services Agreement for Federal Participation with Baxter & Woodman, Inc. for the construction engineering of the Ridgefield Trace at Oak Street Improvements as presented, through the Illinois Department of Transportation.

PASSED AND APPROVED, by the Board of Trustees for the McHenry County Conservation District, the 31ST day of May, 2017.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0

STEVE BARRETT, PRESIDENT PRO-TEMPORE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DAVE KRANZ, SECRETARY
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