

**MCHEMRY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION #19-01**

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE  
FOX RIVER WATER TRAIL INITIATIVE**

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**WHEREAS**, the McHenry County Conservation District (hereinafter referred to as the "District"), is a conservation district organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois (70 ILCS 410); and

**WHEREAS**, the Fox River is recognized as a major natural resource corridor with known potential for recreation, scenic and historic trails and for economic development of river communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the District is supportive of initiatives that promote the recognition, preservation and protection of natural and cultural heritage resources in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has been involved as a key stakeholder on the Fox River Corridor Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has been and will continue to make improvements to the public holdings along the Fox River held by the District including: The Prairie Trail, Hickory Grove, Lyons Prairie and Marsh, Fox Bluff Conservation Area, Silver Creek, Cotton Creek Marsh, and Stickney Run Conservation Areas; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a grassroots effort underway to designate the Fox Water Trail as a national water trail with the National Park Service; and

**WHEREAS**, the district has determined that it is in the best interest of the public for all entities to cooperatively coordinate the activities associated with the designation of a national waterway; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Fox River Water Trail Initiative is to establish and interpret a Fox River Water Trail along the 223-mile river course from the headwaters in the Town of Lisbon, Wisconsin, to the confluence with the Illinois River in Ottawa, Illinois to provide access for all to the natural resources, recreational opportunities, scenic beauty, and historic and cultural assets of the Fox River Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, the objectives of the Fox River Water Trail Initiative includes promoting ecotourism and recreational opportunities throughout the River corridor, enhancing community recognition of the unique assets of the Fox River and supporting economic development and revitalization of river communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Trustees of the District that it is necessary, desirable, and in the best interest of the District to execute the Letter of Support, and the President and Vice Secretary of the Board of Trustees are hereby authorized to execute this resolution and the Executive Director is authorized to execute said Letter and other necessary documents to execute the intent of this resolution.

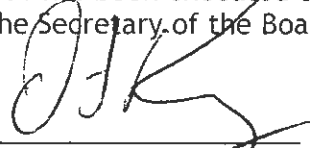
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Resolution #19-01 has been executed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019, by the President and attested by the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the District.

Ayes: 12

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

Abstain: 0



DAVE KRANZ, PRESIDENT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES



DAVID BRANDT, SECRETARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES