Resolution No. 4-0116

RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE A PORTION OF COUNTY HIGHWAY K AS A SNOWMOBILE ROUTE

WHEREAS, Wisconsin State Statute § 350.02(2)(b)1 permits operation of snowmobiles along county highways at a distance of 10 or more feet from the roadway with due regard for safety; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin State Statute § 350.02(2)(a)5 permits operation of snowmobiles on highways which have been designated as routes and which are required to be marked; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin State Statute § 350.18(1) allows a county to regulate snowmobile operation on snowmobile routes designated by the county; and

WHEREAS, the Barneveld Trail Eagles snowmobile club wishes to establish a snowmobile route along the County Highway K right of way in the Towns of Brigham and Arena between Mounds Park Road and Pinnacle Road in Iowa County; and

WHEREAS, the topography of the proposed route does not always allow for the trail to remain a distance of at least 10 feet from the County Highway K roadway along the entire route,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa County Board of Supervisors hereby designates the County Highway K right of way in the Towns of Brigham and Arena between Mounds Park Road and Pinnacle Road in Iowa County as a snowmobile route.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the designation of this snowmobile route is subject to the following conditions:

The Barneveld Trail Eagles snowmobile club shall abide by the following conditions:

1. The club shall groom and maintain the trail/route on the east side of the roadway between the public/private access points and the west side of the roadway between the northernmost and southernmost access points.
2. The club shall be responsible for all trail/route signage.
3. The club shall notify the Iowa County Sheriff’s Office dispatch at 608-935-5921 or 608-935-5827 anytime the trail is declared open/closed for usage.
4. The club shall erect and utilize the east right of way along County Highway K for a northbound trail, where other private property options are not available between Mounds Park Road and Pinnacle Road.
5. The club shall erect and utilize the west right of way for County Highway K for a southbound trail between Pinnacle Road and Mounds Park Road. The trail will only be allowed to cross the centerline of County Highway K within this stretch of roadway at the northernmost and southernmost access points.
6. The club’s groomer shall not drag snow, ice, or other materials onto the driving lanes or shoulder surface of the roadway for County Highway K.
Iowa County shall have the following rights and responsibilities:

1. Iowa County reserves the right to close the snowmobile route at any time, with notice to be given to Craig Kittleson at 608-575-7577, as representative for the club.
2. Iowa County shall install two snowmobile crossing signs at the northernmost and southernmost crossing locations of the designated route on County Highway K.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this route shall be a designated snowmobile route only through April 15, 2016; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this route may be reviewed for designation as a county snowmobile route on an annual basis at the request of the Barneveld Trail Eagles snowmobile club, which shall submit a written request for route designation to the Iowa County Highway Commissioner by no later than September 15 of any year in which the route designation is sought; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Iowa County Clerk is hereby directed to provide a copy of this resolution to the Iowa County Sheriff’s Office and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Dated this 19th day of January, 2016

Resolution drafted by Iowa County Corporation Counsel and respectfully submitted at the request of the Iowa County Highway Commissioner. Recommended to the Iowa County Board for approval by the Transportation Committee on January 4, 2016.