**Attachment G.a.: Official Endorsement**

Resolution # 693-06

## *A RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR A STATE RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROJECT GRANT*

WHEREAS, the Wapsi-Great Western Trail, a multi-purpose trail has been established as a priority for Mitchell County and Howard County; and,

WHEREAS, the Mitchell County Conservation Board, and the Howard County Conservation Board fully endorse the application for State Recreational Trails Funds to assist in project activities; and,

WHEREAS, the Mitchell County Conservation Board and the Howard County Conservation Board will maintain their respective portions of the project for a minimum of 20 years; and,

WHEREAS, Mitchell County and Howard County commit to provide the matching funds required in the application.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mitchell County Board of Supervisors will act as the lead agency; and hereby approves submittal of this application for funding under the State Recreational Trails Program for the Wapsi-Great Western Recreational Trail, and hereby expresses its willingness to abide and comply with all grant program requirements if said application for funding is approved.

Passed and approved this 27th day of June, 2006.

Stan Walk, Chair

Attest:

Lowell Tesch, County Auditor

**Required Documentation and Narrative Information**

The following documents and narratives must be attached to this application. In the upper right-hand corner of each document or narrative write the corresponding letter shown below.

☒ A. A NARRATIVE assessing existing conditions, outlining the concept of the proposed project, and providing adequate project justification. The narrative must show that the concept is reasonable from a transportation engineering and/or recreational standpoint and is part of an area-wide, local, regional, or statewide plan.

☒ B. A MAP identifying the location of the project – An optional mapping application tool is available for your use at the following website address: www.sysplan.dot.state.ia.us/fedstate_rectrails.htm

☒ C. A CROSS-SECTION of the proposed trail project.

☒ D. A SKETCH-PLAN of the trail project.

☒ E. An ITEMIZED BREAKDOWN of the total project costs.

☒ F. A TIME SCHEDULE for the total project development.

☒ G. An OFFICIAL ENDORSEMENT of the trail proposal from the authority to be responsible for the maintenance and operation. The authority must provide written assurance that it will adequately maintain the trail for its intended use and maintain the total trail used to justify the project in public use for a minimum of 20 years following project completion.

☒ H. A NARRATIVE discussing the extent to which adjacent property owners have been informed of the proposed project and an assessment of their acceptance.

The award of State Recreational Trails funds; any subsequent funding or letting of contracts for design, construction, reconstruction, improvement, or maintenance; and the furnishing of materials for this project shall not involve direct or indirect interest of any state, county, or city official, elective or appointive. All of the above are prohibited by Iowa Code Sections 314.2, 362.5, or 331.342. Any award of funding or any letting of a contract in violation of the foregoing provisions shall invalidate the award of State Recreational Trails funding and authorize a complete recovery of any funds previously disbursed.

**Certification**

To the best of my knowledge and belief, all information included in this application is true and accurate, including the commitment of all physical and financial resources. This application has been duly authorized by the participating local authority. I understand that the attached OFFICIAL ENDORSEMENT(S) binds the participating local governments to assume responsibility for adequate maintenance of any new or improved trails.

I understand that, although this information is sufficient to secure a commitment of funds, an executed contract between the applicant and the Department is required prior to the authorization of funds.

Representing the Mitchell County Board of Supervisors

Stan Walk Chair — June 27, 2006

Signature — Date

Stan Walk, Chair — June 27, 2006

Typed Name and Title — Date