

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: April 2, 2018

SUBJECT: DEQ Division of Water Resources Grant Authorization for Kunz Farm Park

PRESENTER: Rachel Kipar, Environmental Programs Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS: None

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Henderson County has been awarded a grant from the NC DEQ's Division of Water Resources, Water Resources Development Grant Program, to complete phases 1-2 of Kunz Farm Park. The awarded \$250,000 must be matched 50% (\$250,000) by Henderson County to meet the requirements outlined in the grant. Currently, two Broadpointe industries have committed financially to the project, totaling \$50,000. Combined with the park reserve fund of \$33,000, the total amount in-hand towards the \$250,000 match is \$83,000. The 50% required match can be combined with in-kind and cash. Staff is exploring the option to combine or match this grant from other granted awards. Additional grants are being applied for towards park access and site development throughout 2018.

This RBA asks the Board of Commissioners to permit staff to authorize and execute the grant, thereby accepting the \$250,000 award and dedicating matching the amount of \$250,000.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to direct staff to authorize and execute the Division of Water Resources Development Grant to develop Phases 1-2 of Kunz Farm Park.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move that the Board direct staff to authorize and execute the DWR Grant for Kunz Farm Park and accept the \$250,000 with a match of \$250,000 from County and other funds.