



Board of Commissioners
Resolution
B2025-114

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Sponsor: Parks & Recreation

Meeting Date: 6/10/2025

Title: Project Account for Paddle Share Program

File Number: 2025-219

Background and Rationale:

Kayaking allows residents the opportunity to immerse in the natural world, observe wildlife, and recreate, receiving the physical and mental wellness benefits that the activity offers. In 2024, the county contracted with a company, Rent Fun LLC., to offer self-service kayak stations at five locations throughout the regional park system: Vadnais-Snail Regional Park, Long Lake Regional Park, Tony Schmidt Regional Park (Lake Johanna), Keller Regional Park - Spoon Lake, and Bald Eagle-Otter Lakes Regional Park. Parks Legacy funds were used to install six stations at a cost of \$15,000 each. The revenue from these stations is expected to be \$5,000-\$7,000 per year. The revenue will be used to expand kayak offerings to more park locations which will increase the ability for all residents to enjoy this healthy activity. Through collaboration with Finance, it was determined that establishing a project budget is the best way to collect the revenue from multiple years to install new stations and maintain this new Ramsey County Park amenity.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

Authorize the County Manager to establish a project budget for the Paddle Share Program in the Parks and Recreation Department.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Jebens-Singh, seconded by Commissioner McGuire.

Motion passed.

Aye: - 7: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

By: _____

Jason Yang, Interim Chief Clerk - County Board