



# ATVs/UTVs – US Hwy 8 Bridge Crossing over the South Fork Main Creek Bridge

## RUSK COUNTY

TO THE RUSK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ROLL CALL Board Members	AYE (Yes)	NAY (No)	Abstain / Excused
1. TERRY DUSELL			
2. JERRY BILLER			
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4. TONY HAUSER			
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15. TOM HANSON			
16. JOSH UNTERSHEUTZ			
17. DAVE WILLINGHAM			
18. MICHAEL HRABAN			
19. KEN BROWN			
TOTAL			

**BOARD ACTION**

Vote Required: Majority Vote of a Quorum

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Motion to Approve      Adopted       Defeated

1st Hraban      2nd Biller

No: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ Exc: \_\_\_\_\_

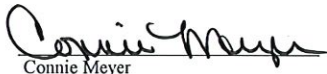
Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_, Corp. Counsel

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_, Finance Director

**FISCAL IMPACT:** (Note if there is any fiscal impact or not)

**Certification:**

I, Connie Meyer, Clerk of Rusk County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the 26 day of January, 2020 by the Rusk County Board of Supervisors.

  
 Connie Meyer  
 County Clerk, Rusk County

1 WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. s. 23.33 allows all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and  
 2 utility terrain vehicles (UTVs) to be operated on state highways in  
 3 certain instances.; and  
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5 WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. s. 23.33 (4) (d) 3.b and 11(am)3, allows ATVs  
 6 and UTVs to operate on the roadway or shoulder of a state highway to  
 7 cross a bridge 1,000 feet or less in length if a town, village or city AND a  
 8 county BOTH enact an ordinance to authorize the operation of ATVs on  
 9 a state highway bridge that is not an interstate highway, is 1,000 feet or  
 10 less in length, and is located within the territorial boundaries of the  
 11 town, village or city and county.; and  
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13 WHEREAS, when a request for ATVs and UTVs to cross a state  
 14 highway bridge meets Wis. Stat. s. 23.33 (4) (d) 3.b and 11(am)3 the  
 15 request will not be subject to WisDOT approval.; and  
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17 WHEREAS, under the law, ATVs and UTVs must exit the highway  
 18 as quickly and safely as practicable after crossing the bridge. WisDOT  
 19 defines this as the first available road on either side of the bridge that is  
 20 not a dead end, or an ATV trail on WisDOT right-of-way that is  
 21 established after crossing the bridge, in which ATVs and UTVs may  
 22 operate.; and  
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24 WHEREAS, ATV and UTV route signs are required on state  
 25 highways in order for ATVs to legally operate on them. A traffic signing  
 26 permit is also required from WisDOT. County Highway Departments will  
 27 install the signs following the Wisconsin manual of Uniform Traffic  
 28 Control Devices (WMUTCD).; and  
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30 WHEREAS, there is currently no way for ATVs and UTVs to cross  
 31 over the South Fork Main Creek at US Highway 8 from connecting  
 32 designated ATV routes; and  
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34 WHEREAS, the county provides for recreational use of ATVs on  
 35 county highways within the county.; and  
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37 WHEREAS, If authorized, the South Fork Main Creek Bridge on US  
 38 Highway 8 East would act as the connector from the designated ATV  
 39 route in the Village of Hawkins.  
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41 WHEREAS, there is no other way to safely cross the river to  
 42 connect these two ATV routes.  
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44 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Rusk County Board  
 45 of Supervisors does hereby authorize ATVs and UTVs over the US Highway  
 46 8 Bridge over the South Fork Main Creek, contingent on written approval by  
 47 resolution from the Village of Hawkins. Allowing ATVs and UTVs to be able to  
 48 enter and leave the Village of Hawkins, and creating a safe connector for the  
 49 subject ATV routes in the Village of Hawkins. Costs for signing and shoulder  
 50 improvement to be paid for by the Village of Hawkins.  
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**SUBMITTED BY:**

**Rusk County Highway Committee**

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**Jerry Biller , Chairman**

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**Lyle Lieffring**

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**Robert Stout, Vice Chairman**

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**Ken Pedersen**

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*Michael Hraban*  
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