

**RESOLUTION 2022-R-10
DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
APPROVING A FORM OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 36-1-7-1
FOR THE POKA-BACHE CONNECTOR TRAIL
AND AUTHORIZING THE FINALIZATION AND EXECUTION OF THE
INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR THE POKA-BACHE CONNECTOR TRAIL**

WHEREAS, the Poka-Bache Regional Trail Coalition (“Coalition”) was formed by local governments in Northeast Indiana to explore the most effective way to complete the Poka-Bache Connector Trail from Oabache State Park north to Pokagon State Park through Wells County, Allen County, Dekalb County and Steuben County and cities and towns within each county; and

WHEREAS, the vision of the Coalition is the completion of the Poka-Bache Connector Trail as a point-to-point, uninterrupted trail through the heart of the region, improving Northeast Indiana residents’ health and wellness, spurring economic development along the course of the trail, improving access to the natural environment and attracting tourism to the region; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Coalition shall be to support the completion of the Regional Trail Project by fostering equitable collaboration, coordination and cooperation between the public and private sectors in Northeast Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition has found that despite the tremendous efforts of local governments and advocacy groups the completion of the Poka-Bache Connector Trail would greatly benefit from the establishment of a coordinating task force made up of representatives of each participating governmental entity to coordinate the efforts of local governments seeking the completion of construction of the point-to-point trail; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition has determined that the establishment of a task force through the interlocal cooperation provisions of Indiana Code 36-7-1-1 through 36-1-7-17 will benefit the efforts of each of the local governments participating in the completion of the point-to point trail; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition has recommended to each participating entity the Interlocal Agreement for Poka-Bache Connector Trail pursuant to Indiana Code 36-1-7-1 through 36-1-7-17; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Interlocal Agreement for is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS desires to participate in the Interlocal Agreement for Poka Bache Connector Trail, approve the form of the Interlocal Agreement attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A, and further authorize the execution of the Interlocal Agreement for Poka-Bache Connector Trail, all pursuant to Indiana Code 36-1-7-1 through 36-1-7-17, subject to approval by counsel and subject also to the approval and agreement of the other participants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS as follows:

1. The Poka-Bache Connector Trail will, as and when it is completed, result in the enhancement of the Northeast Indiana region by supporting the region's health and wellness, spurring economic growth, improving access to the natural environment and attracting additional tourism.

2. The recommendation of the Coalition is hereby accepted and found that the Interlocal Agreement for the Poka-Bache Connector Trail will be effective to help each participating entity coordinate the completion of the Poka-Bache Connector Trail.

3. The form of the Interlocal Agreement for Poka-Bache Connector Trail is hereby approved as presented to this meeting and attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A.


4. The DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS hereby authorizes Poka-Bache Regional Trail Coalition to execute and carry out the terms of the Interlocal Agreement for Poka-Bache Trail subject to the review and approval of counsel and the other participants.

5. This Resolution shall remain in full force and effect from and after the date hereof.

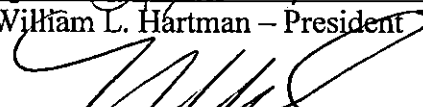
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ADOPTED at a meeting of the DEKALB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS held on


1st DAY of August, 2022.



William L. Hartman – President




Michael Watson – Vice President



Todd Sanderson – Vice President

Attest:



Susan Sleeper, Auditor

EXHIBIT A
INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
FOR POKA-BACHE CONNECTOR TRAIL

(See attached.)