



**Resolution No.**

**ATVs/UTVs – US Hwy 8 Bridge Crossing over the Chippewa River**

**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			
3. Alan Rathsack			
4. Anthony Hauser			
5. Kathy Vacho			
6. Robert Stout			
7. Randy Tatur			
8. Lyle Loeffring			
9. Bill McBain Sr.			
10. Kenneth Pedersen			
11. Philip Schneider			
12. Roger Gierke			
13. Mark Schmitt			
14. Karl Fisher			
15. Thomas Hanson			
16. Kathleen Mai			
17. David Willingham			
18. Michael Hraban			
19. Ken Brown			
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**WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. s. 23.33 allows all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and utility terrain vehicles (UTVs) to be operated on state highways in certain instances.; and**

**WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. s. 23.33 (4) (d) 3.b and 11(am)3, allows ATVs and UTVs to operate on the roadway or shoulder of a state highway to cross a bridge 1,000 feet or less in length if a town, village or city AND a county BOTH enact an ordinance to authorize the operation of ATVs on a state highway bridge that is not an interstate highway, is 1,000 feet or less in length, and is located within the territorial boundaries of the town, village or city and county.; and**

**WHEREAS, when a request for ATVs and UTVs to cross a state highway bridge meets Wis. Stat. s. 23.33 (4) (d) 3.b and 11(am)3 the request will not be subject to WisDOT approval.; and**

**WHEREAS, under the law, ATVs and UTVs must exit the highway as quickly and safely as practicable after crossing the bridge. WisDOT defines this as the first available road on either side of the bridge that is not a dead end, or an ATV trail on WisDOT right-of-way that is established after crossing the bridge, in which ATVs and UTVs may operate.; and**

**WHEREAS, ATV and UTV route signs are required on state highways in order for ATVs to legally operate on them. A traffic signing permit is also required from WisDOT. County Highway Departments will install the signs following the Wisconsin manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (WMUTCD).; and**

**WHEREAS, there is currently no way for ATVs and UTVs to cross over the Chippewa River at US Highway 8 from connecting designated ATV routes; and**

**WHEREAS, the county provides for recreational use of ATVs on county highways within the county.; and**

**WHEREAS, currently snowmobiles safely and efficiently cross the US Highway 8 bridge over the Chippewa River.; and**

**WHEREAS, If authorized, the Chippewa River Bridge on US Highway 8 West would act as the connector from the designated ATV route in the Town of Thornapple, east side of the bridge, to the designated ATV route in the Village of Bruce, west side of the bridge; and**

**WHEREAS, there is no other way to safely cross the river to connect these two ATV routes.**

**BOARD ACTION**

Vote Required: Majority Vote of a Quorum

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Motion to Approve      Adopted   

1st \_\_\_\_\_      Defeated   

2nd \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_, Auditor

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

**Certification:**

I, Loren Beebe, Clerk of Rusk County, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution that was adopted on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_, 2010 by the Rusk County Board of Supervisors.

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Loren Beebe  
County Clerk, Rusk County

1           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Rusk County Board  
2 of Supervisors does hereby authorize ATVs and UTVs over the US Highway  
3 8 Bridge over the Chippewa River, contingent on written approval by  
4 resolution from the Town of Thornapple and the Village of Bruce. Allowing  
5 ATVs and UTVs to be able to enter and leave the Village of Bruce, and  
6 creating a safe connector for the subject ATV routes in the Town of  
7 Thornapple and the Village of Bruce. Costs for signing and shoulder  
8 improvement to be paid for by the ATV Clubs.

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10           **NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Rusk County  
11 Ordinance 46-37(a) amendment, a copy of which is attached hereto and  
12 made a part of, is adopted.

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**SUBMITTED BY:  
(Highway Committee)**

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Jerry Biller, Chairman

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Lyle Lieffring

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Mike Hraban

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Robert Stout

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Ken Pedersen

ORDINANCE 2018 – OF THE ORDINANCES FOR THE COUNTY OF RUSK.

THE COUNTY BOARD OF RUSK COUNTY DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 46-37(a) Of the Rusk County Code regarding All-Terrain Vehicles Routes in the County is hereby amended as follows:

46-37(a) shall have section (48) added to read as follows:

(48) the Chippewa River Bridge on USH 8 shall be designated as an ATV/UTV route, provided all of the following apply;

(i) ATV/UTV users cross the bridge in the most direct manner practicable and at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing staying on the designated route as stated below:

Designated Route:

From Sawdust Road in the Town of Thornapple, ATVs/UTVs must enter USH 8 traveling west towards the bridge and traveling with the direction of the traffic and must exit USH 8 after crossing the bridge at the entrance to Dairy Concepts where the existing snowmobile trail connects.

From Dairy Concepts driveway entrance, ATVs/UTVs must enter USH 8 traveling east towards the bridge, traveling with the direction of the traffic and must exit USH 8 at Sawdust Road after crossing the bridge.

(ii) Always travel on the pavement of USH 8 when traveling to and from the Chippewa River Bridge moving with the direction of the traffic.

This ordinance shall take effect upon the date of publication as provided in Section 61.50, Wisconsin Statutes.