

## Staff Report

**Subject:** Revised Memorandum of Understanding with Hi-Lo SORBA, Inc. for Multi-Use Trail Collaboration

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**Meeting Date:** November 18, 2025

**Item Description:** Consideration to approve an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Effingham County and Hi-Lo SORBA, Inc., a chapter of the Southern Off-Road Bicycle Association (SORBA), for volunteer support and cooperation in the development and maintenance of natural-surface multi-use trails.

**Summary Recommendation:** Staff recommends the Board approve the revised MOU with Hi-Lo SORBA, Inc., replacing the prior version to reflect updated organizational information and continued partnership on trail initiatives.

### Executive Summary / Background:

Effingham County has partnered with the local SORBA chapter to support public access to safe, sustainable multi-use trails through volunteer construction and maintenance efforts. The updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) reflects the group's legal incorporation as Hi-Lo SORBA, Inc., with no change to the scope of collaboration or responsibilities.

Under the agreement:

- The County will provide information on eligible trail locations and ensure alignment with park policies.
- Hi-Lo SORBA will supply volunteer labor and technical expertise for trail building and upkeep.
- All trail designs must follow IMBA guidelines and receive prior County approval.

This MOU is non-binding financially, may be terminated by either party with 60 days' notice, and complies with all applicable laws and non-discrimination requirements.

### Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

1. Approve the revised MOU with Hi-Lo SORBA, Inc.
2. Decline to approve and continue under the previous version.
3. Provide alternate direction.

**Recommended Alternative:** 1

**Other Alternatives:** 2, 3

**Department Review:** Procurement, County Attorney, County Manager

**Funding Source:** N/A

**Attachments:** MOU with Hi-Lo SORBA, Inc.