

**CITY OF RICHLAND CENTER
RESOLUTION 2026-XX**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A NON-MONETARY DONATION FOR TRAIL
IMPROVEMENTS AND NAMING THE TRAIL THE “DALE BENDER COMMUNITY WELLNESS TRAIL”**

WHEREAS, the City of Richland Center has received a proposal from local resident Sheila Troxel to fund the blacktop surfacing of a trail segment extending from the Highway 14/80 intersection to the Richland Center Middle School, originally constructed in 2020 as part of the Safe Routes to School initiative; and

WHEREAS, the donation of trail improvements is being offered as a non-monetary contribution contingent upon formal naming of the trail segment as the “Dale Bender Community Wellness Trail”, in recognition of Mr. Bender’s many years of civic service, his support for youth, and his dedication to outdoor recreation in the community; and

WHEREAS, the trail remains a City-owned and maintained asset, and the donation aligns with the City’s goals of improving safety, accessibility, and long-term maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the proposed naming has followed the process outlined in the City’s adopted Naming and Branding Policy & Standard Operating Procedure (Resolution 2025-06), including completion of a Naming Application, review by City staff, and presentation to the Public Works and Finance Committees; and

WHEREAS, the City greatly appreciates and wishes to formally recognize the generosity of Sheila Troxel and the contributions of Dale Bender through this joint naming and improvement initiative.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Richland Center, that the City hereby accepts the non-monetary donation from Sheila Troxel to fund blacktop improvements to the trail segment, and officially designates the improved trail as the “Dale Bender Community Wellness Trail”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Administrator and appropriate staff are authorized to execute the Non-Monetary Donation Agreement, and to coordinate project implementation and trail signage consistent with the terms of the donation and the City’s branding standards.

ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Richland Center on this 3rd day of February, 2026 by the following vote: AYES: _____, NOS: _____

CITY OF RICHLAND CENTER
RICHLAND COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Attest:

Todd Coppernoll, Mayor

Misty Molzof, Deputy Clerk