



Jackson County

*Board of Commissioners*

Jackson, Minnesota 56143

April 2, 2019

Dear Friends of the Jackson County Trails:

This letter is in support of the Friends of the Jackson County Trails for funding of the Belmont County Park Off-Road Trail in Jackson County.

Belmont County Park is an underused county park in Jackson County, Minnesota. The landscape and terrain are ideal for an off-road trail. This would be the first of its kind in Southwest Minnesota. The Jackson County Commissioners support this project for a variety of reasons:

1. Better utilization of Belmont County Park
2. Provide recreation and wellness activities for all ages
3. Off-road bicycling is a fast growing sport
4. This will be the first such trail in Southwest Minnesota
5. Such trails lead to economic development
6. The trail is designed to be used by bicyclers and walkers.

Friends of the Jackson County Trails has been working diligently with certified trail developers to design and build a trail. For the above stated reasons we support their efforts.

Sincerely,

Catherine Hohenstein  
Jackson County Board Chair