Northwest Missouri State University Board of Regents

Date of Meeting: October 30th, 2026

Agenda Item: Grant Proposal Authorization, Missouri Department of Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation

Lead: Vice President Carrick and Assistant Vice President Haslag

Open or Closed Agenda Item? OPEN

Issue description and proposal:

Facility Services is requesting authorization from the Board of Regents to apply for grant funding through the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Land and Water Conservation Fund to support improvements to Colden Park on the Northwest campus.

The proposed project would enhance the park's recreational, educational, and social spaces through improvements to the existing pond, rehabilitation of the pier, repairs to the kissing bridge, expansion of walking trails and gathering areas, and the addition of a boardwalk, gazebo, outdoor learning environment, and picnic area. These improvements are intended to enhance the park's accessibility, functionality, and overall appeal while providing expanded opportunities for recreation, outdoor learning, and community engagement.

The total budget for the project is currently estimated at $980,000, with the LWCF grant, if successful, paying 50%, or approximately $490,000. LWCF grant awards are scheduled to be awarded October 2027 – September 2028, with work projected to begin in FY29.

If the grant proposal is awarded, Northwest agrees to the 50 percent matching share for the project, financial resources to operate and maintain the completed project, completion of the project within the agreed upon time period, and compliance with all rules and regulations of the program, applicable Executive Orders, and all state laws that govern the grant applicant.

Key considerations for the Board of Regents:

1) Are there health, wellness, and beautification impacts to the Maryville community and Northwest Missouri State?
2) Are matching Campus Master Plan funds readily available?

Proposed Resolution:

I move to approve the Board Resolution authorizing Northwest Missouri State University to apply to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Land & Water Conservation Fund Program for the purpose of securing grant funding for the Colden Park project.

WHEREAS, **Northwest Missouri State University** is applying for federal assistance from the Land & Water Conservation Fund program for the purpose of **renovating and expanding amenities** in **Colden Park**,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE **Board of Regents** of **Northwest Missouri State University**, that

1. **Stacy R. Carrick**, **Vice President for Finance & Administration** of **Northwest Missouri State University** is authorized to sign the application for federal assistance and any other official project documents that are necessary to obtain such assistance, including any agreements, contracts or other documents that are required by the State of Missouri or the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service.

2. **Northwest Missouri State University** currently has the written commitment for the minimum **50%** matching share for the project elements that are identified in the application and will allocate the necessary funds to complete the project.

3. In the event a grant is awarded, **Northwest Missouri State University** will commit the necessary financial resources to operate and maintain the completed project in a safe and attractive manner for public access in perpetuity. At the end of the project, **Northwest Missouri State University** will record the Declaration of Deed Restriction to each deed of the park, as applicable

4. In the event a grant is awarded, **Northwest Missouri State University** is prepared to complete the project within the time period identified on the signed Financial Assistance Agreement.

5. In the event a grant is awarded, **Northwest Missouri State University** will comply with all rules and regulations of the Land & Water Conservation Fund program, applicable Executive Orders all federal and state laws that govern the grant applicant during the performance of the project, and stewardship requirements when the project is complete.

PASSED AND RESOLVED BY THE **BOARD OF REGENTS** OF **NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY** THIS **30th** DAY OF **OCTOBER** 2026.

The undersigned hereby certifies that she is the duly authorized Secretary and custodian of the books and records and seal of **Northwest Missouri State University**, duly formed pursuant to the laws of the State of Missouri, and that the foregoing is a true record of a resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the **Board of Regents** , that said meeting was held in accordance with state and local laws on **October 30th, 2026** and that the said resolution is now in full force and effect without modification or rescission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have executed my name as Secretary and have affixed the seal of **Northwest Missouri State University on** this **30th** day of **October 2026**.

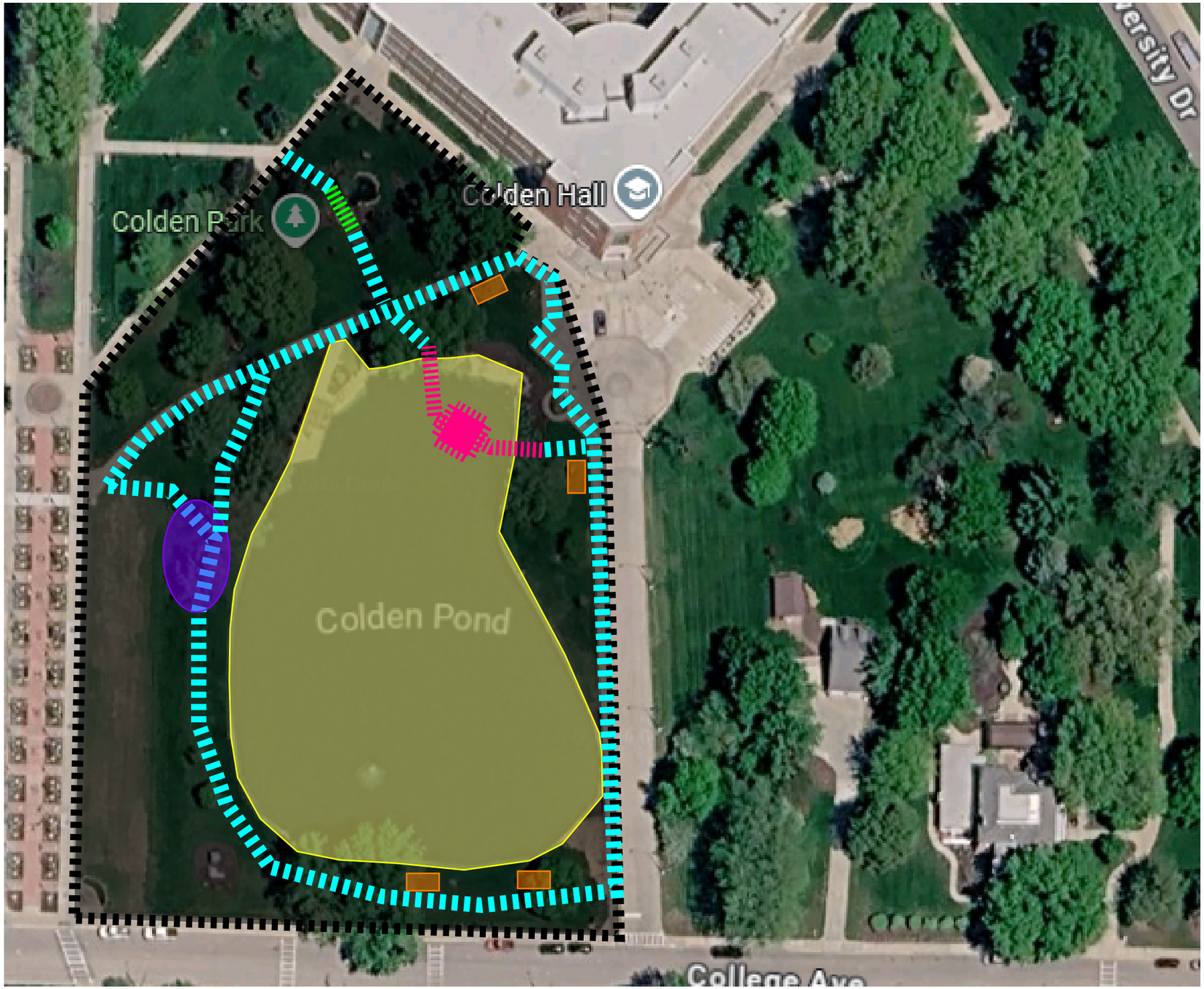
ATTEST: (Secretary to the Board)

_____ BY: _____

Mrs. Diane Hargrave, Board Secretary Steve Black, Chair of the Board

(SEAL)

Colden Park Expansion



Legend

- New Boardwalk/ Gazebo
- New Bridge
- Expanded Walking Trail
- Existing Pond & Pier Rehabilitation
- New Outdoor Learning Environment
- New Picnic Station
- Leisure and Social Area Expansion