Early Detection and Rapid Response Grant -Surface Waters Grants Town of Phelps Resolution

Resolution # 16-2

RESOLUTION OF TOWN OF PHELPS COUNTY OF VILAS, STATE OF WISCONSIN

WHEREAS Smoky Lake is an important resource used by the public for recreation and enjoyment of natural beauty; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) has verified the fact that colonies of Eurasian Milfoil exist in the southwest bay of Smoky Lake, and

WHEREAS, public use and enjoyment of Smoky Lake is best served by protection of Smoky Lake from infestation of aquatic invasive species; and

WHEREAS, the Smoky Lake Property Owner's Association (SLPOA) desires to aggressively address this infestation with the goal of preventing its spread to other parts of the lake, and

WHEREAS, we recognize the need to provide information or education about aquatic invasive species; and

WHEREAS, the WDNR has requested the SLPOA to secure the services of a sponsor to administer grant funds since the SLPOA is not properly qualified at this time in the State of Wisconsin: and

WHEREAS, we are qualified to carry out the responsibilities of an aquatic invasive species control project, and

WHEREAS, the Town has served as sponsor in administering Wisconsin DNR Grant # AIRR-166-14 since its inception and that such grants funds shall have been depleted with the most recent reimbursement requests for the summer of 2015 filed with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the SLPOA have hired the services of a consulting firm, Many Waters, LCC. to help guide the abatement program for the Eurasian Milfoil in Smoky Lake and would recommend that the aquatic invasive species work continue with this consultant, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Phelps owns, maintains and operates the public access located at the south end of Smoky Lake, and therefore has a vested interest in maintaining the pristine quality of Smoky Lake for its numerous public users, and

Whereas, the SLPOA desires to have the Town of Phelps serve as its sponsor responsible for the filing of a second Early Detection and Rapid Response Surface Water Grant application and dispersal of said grant money to vendors of the Smoky Lake Eurasian Milfoil abatement program, and

WHEREAS, the SLPOA will assist the Town of Phelps working with Many Waters as professional consultant in preparing said grant applications and the administration of said funds wherever possible and the SLPOA will designate an authorized representative for this purpose, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Phelps is interested in obtaining a cost-share grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of an Early Detection and Response – Surface Waters Grant (as further described in the application);

WHEREAS the SLPOA will be responsible for satisfying the 25% commitment of the Town of Phelps to the lake management planning project costs.

WHEREAS, the applicant attests to the validity and veracity of the statements and representations contained in the grant application;

WHEREAS, a grant agreement is requested to carry out the project; and

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town of Phelps has considered the financial needs and expectations and has made contractual arrangements to fully and satisfactorily complete the project and hereby authorize and empower the following officials or employees to submit the following documents to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for financial assistance that may be available:

Title of Authorized Depresentative

IASK	Title of Authorized Representative
Sign and submit a grant application	Town Chairman
Enter into a grant agreement with the DNR	Town Chairman
Take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the approved project and bind the applicant	Town Clerk
Submit quarterly and/or final reports to the DNR to satisfy the grant agreement, as appropriate	Town Clerk
Submit reimbursement request(s) to the DNR no later than the date specified in the grant agreement,	Town Clerk
Sign and submit other necessary documents	Town Clerk

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that applicant will comply with all local, state and federal rules, regulations and ordinances relating to this project and the cost-share agreement.

Adopted on the 8th day of February, 2016		
By a vote of in favor against abstain		
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Steve Doyen, Chairman	Steve Waier, Supervisor	
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Dorothy Kimmerling, Supervisor	Eugene McCaslin, Supervisor	
Michael Duquaine, Supervisor		
I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Town of Phelps Board at a legal meeting held on the 8th day of February, 2016.		
Attest: Mayor Hell		
Clerk Treasurer		