

CITY OF LAKE ELMO
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON
RESOLUTION NO. 93-12

A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE DISCHARGE OF WATER FROM OLSON LAKE ESTATES POND.

WHEREAS, the Valley Branch Watershed District ("VBWD") and the City of Lake Elmo ("City") are reviewing the possible impacts of a discharge of water from the Olson Lake Estates Pond ("Pond"); and

WHEREAS, it would appear to be in the best interests of the VBWD, the City, and residents of the VBWD to be able to control the timing of any discharge and the volume of any such discharge so that it can be accommodated prior to the existence of an emergency; so that it can be conducted in a manner that is most cost effective; and so that it can be accomplished with the least detrimental impact to the environment and without damage to public or private property; and

WHEREAS, the consulting engineers for the VBWD have prepared a preliminary report dated February 5, 1993, which identifies various options for the discharge of water from the Pond; and

WHEREAS, one of the identified options is to discharge excess water from the Pond to the Long Lake Watershed ("Long Lake Option"); and

WHEREAS, the use of the Long Lake Option would have minimal impact on Long Lake; would allow the discharged water to flow through natural ponds and wetlands before entering Long Lake; and could be facilitated within existing drainage ways; and

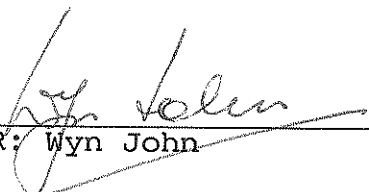
WHEREAS, the Long Lake Option utilizes pumps and generators which provide an added measure of control over the timing of the discharge and the volume of the discharge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lake Elmo City Council respectfully requests the Board of Directors of the Valley Branch Watershed District:

1. to declare its preference for the Long Lake Option;
2. to utilize the Long Lake Option at the present time before an emergency arises so that there will be adequate storage capacity in the Pond to accommodate spring snow melt and rainfall; and

3. to continue monitoring of both the Pond and Olson Lake so that an emergency circumstance can be avoided.

Approved by the City Council
on the 2nd day of
March, 1993.


MAYOR: Wyn John

ATTEST:


Mary Kueffner City Administrator

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