

**CITY OF LAKE ELMO
WASHINGTON COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-009

**A RESOLUTION DISPERSING PUBLIC FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE
OF PROTECTING SURFACE WATERS WITHIN THE CONFINES
OF THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF LAKE ELMO FROM
CERTAIN AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES**

WHEREAS, surface water quality protection contributes to the value of homes located on Lake DeMontreville, Lake Jane, Lake Olson and Lake Elmo and subsequently the cumulative tax base of the City of Lake Elmo;

WHEREAS, the same surface waters, via public access, are frequented by resident and non-resident recreational boaters and sportsmen who may not reside on Lake DeMontreville, Lake Jane, Lake Olson and Lake Elmo;

WHEREAS, these recreational boaters and sportsmen may inadvertently and unintentionally transport certain aquatic invasive species, such as zebra mussels, Eurasian milfoil and spiny waterflea, that have attached to their watercraft or reside in bilge water;

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR) has an active Watercraft Inspections Grant program designed to mitigate the spread of aquatic invasive species to inland, freshwater surface waters;

WHEREAS, the Tri-Lakes Improvement Association (a homeowners group made up of residents of lake DeMontreville, Lake Jane and Lake Olson) have applied for a MNDNR Watercraft Inspection Grant totaling \$9650/\$5,000 MNDNR for the purposes of preventing aquatic invasive species from entering the surface waters within the confines of the City of Lake Elmo via 200 hours of watercraft inspections during the summer of 2012;

WHEREAS, the MNDNR grant is predicated on the acquisition of matching funds from stakeholder groups such as the Tri-Lakes Improvement Association, watershed districts and local municipalities;

WHEREAS, the Tri-Lakes Improvement Association has received a commitment for funds equaling \$2000 from the Valley Branch Watershed District, as well as a commitment from their own homeowners of \$650 to meet the requirements of the MNDNR Watercraft Inspection Grant;

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Elmo has a material economic interest in the protection of surface water quality within confines of its statutory boundaries and, has been requested to be matching grant partner for the MNDNR Watercraft Inspection Grant in the amount of \$2,000.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of Lake Elmo grant \$2,000 from the undesignated fund balance to be used for the purposes of 200 hours of watercraft inspection at public boat landings located at Lake DeMontreville, Lake Jane, Lake Olson, and Lake Elmo to mitigate the spread of aquatic invasive species; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of Lake Elmo grant these funds as a partnering match of already pledged funds from the Valley Branch Watershed District (\$2000) and the Tri-Lakes Improvement Association (\$650); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Lake Elmo receive a final inspection report from the MNDNR and the Tri-Lakes Improvement Association no later than October 16, 2012 to determine the effectiveness tax dollar use for the prevention of the spreading of aquatic invasive species in Lake Elmo surface water.

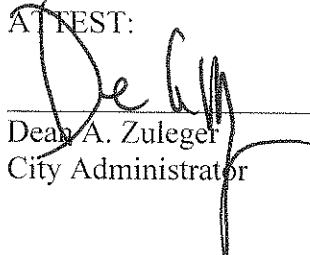
Date: March 6, 2012

CITY OF LAKE ELMO

By: 

Dean A. Johnston
Mayor


ATTEST:



Dean A. Zuleger
City Administrator

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution presented to and adopted by the Council of the City of Lake Elmo at a duly authorized meeting thereto held on the 6th day of March, 2012 as shown by the minutes of said meeting in my possession.


Carole Luczak
City Clerk

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