

**Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grants
Town of Phelps Resolution**

Resolution # 2014-1

RESOLUTION OF TOWN OF PHELPS
COUNTY OF VILAS

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 WI, and

WHEREAS, we are qualified to carry out the responsibilities of an aquatic invasive species control project, 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 Town of Phelps serve as its sponsor responsible for the filing of grant applications 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 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 SLPOA will be responsible for satisfying the 25% commitment of the Town of Phelps to aquatic invasive species control project costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Phelps requests grant funding and assistance available from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources under the "Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grant Program" and hereby authorizes the Town Clerk/Treasurer to act on behalf of Town of Phelps to:

1. Submit an application to the State of Wisconsin for financial aid for aquatic invasive species control purposes;
2. Sign documents;
3. Take necessary action to undertake, direct, and complete an approved aquatic invasive species control grant; and
4. Submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation within six months of project completion date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Town of Phelps will meet the obligations of the aquatic invasive species control project including timely publication of the results and meet the financial obligations of an aquatic invasive species grant, including the prompt payment of our 25% commitment to aquatic invasive species control project costs.

Adopted this 26 day of February, 2014.

By a vote of: 4 in favor ___ against ___ abstain

Colin K
Chairman

Rain Johnson
Supervisor

BAH
Supervisor

Steve Waeber
Supervisor

Supervisor

Attest:

Margie Halli
Clerk/Treasurer