

**RESOLUTION 2024-02  
WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
RAMSEY COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION OF NEGATIVE DECLARATION REGARDING THE NEED FOR  
AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE EXPANSION OF  
THE VFW COMMERCIAL MARINA ON WHITE BEAR LAKE**

At the regular meeting of the White Bear Lake Conservation District held on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, the District resolved that:

**WHEREAS**, The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) (the “Proposer”) approached the District with a project to expand their operation by the addition of both more dock section (length) and more slip-fingers (capacity) for their marina (the “Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, The District determined that, based on the size of the expansion, there was a need for the preparation of an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (the “EAW”) to preliminarily determine environmental impacts, if any, from the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, The District is the responsible governmental unit (the “RGU”) for the Project and has worked directly with the Proposer in preparing and completing the EAW; and

**WHEREAS**, The Proposer submitted and the District deemed complete the aforementioned EAW and the same was published in the Environmental Quality Bulletin (the “EQB”) and the 30-day comment period has elapsed and comments were received and the District is now able to determine the need for an Environmental Impact Statement (the “EIS”) per Minnesota Rule 4410.1700; and

**WHEREAS**, The District prepared and considered its Findings of Fact and Record of Decision, including comments made and answering any questions received, at its October 15, 2024 meeting; and,

**WHEREAS**, the District, as the RGU, finds and determines as follows:

- 1) Copies of the EAW were distributed to all persons and agencies on the official EQB mailing list more than 30 days prior to October 15, 2024;
- 2) Notice of the availability of the EAW for public review for a 30-day comment period was published Sept 10, 2024;
- 3) The preparation of the EAW and comments received on the EAW have generated information adequate to determine whether the proposed Project has the potential for significant environmental impacts;
- 4) The Project is expected to comply with all District and MN Department of Natural Resources review standards, and;

- 5) Based on the criteria established in Minnesota Rule part 4410.1700 and the Findings and Conclusions previously adopted, the Project *does not* have the potential for significant environmental effects.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the District Board resolves as follows:

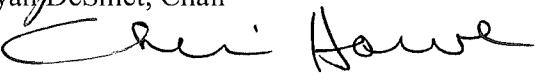
- 1) The District adopts the Findings and Conclusions, including the comments as well as the responses to questions presented contained therein.
- 2) The District makes a '*negative declaration*' on the need for an EIS for the Project and deems the EAW process sufficient review of environmental impacts for the Project.
- 3) The District authorizes the distribution of this Resolution and the Findings and Conclusions as required by Minnesota Rule 4410.1700 subpart 5.
- 4) This Resolution is hereby adopted and is effective immediately.

Voting in Favor: 8  
Voting Against: 0  
Abstaining Vote: 0

Resolution duly seconded and passed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024.

Attest:

  
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Bryan DeSmet, Chair

  
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Cheri Howe, Administrator