

MEETING DATE: April 23, 2015

TITLE: Authorization to enter into agreements with Three Rivers Park District and Carver County for Roaming Watercraft Inspector Services

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 15-042 Three Rivers Park District
15-043 Carver County

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COMMITTEE ACTION:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advance to Board mtg. Consent Agenda.	<input type="checkbox"/> Advance to Board meeting for discussion prior to action.
<input type="checkbox"/> Refer to a future workshop (date): _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Refer to taskforce or committee (date): _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Return to staff for additional work.	<input type="checkbox"/> No further action requested.
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____	

PURPOSE or ACTION REQUESTED:

The 2015 Workplan for the AIS Program includes funding for “roaming” watercraft inspectors. These services were provided in 2013 and 2014 by contracting with Carver County and Three Rivers Park District. This arrangement would continue in 2015, with the District again paying for 100 percent of the cost of the services. The Board of Managers should authorize execution of an agreement with Three Rivers Park District and Carver County for these services, and authorize the District Administrator, upon advice of counsel and with such further minor revisions as may be necessary to effect the intent of the parties, to enter into this agreement.

PROJECT/PROGRAM LOCATION:

Three Rivers Park District: Auburn, Zumbra and Steiger lakes in Carver County Reserve as well as Lake Minnetonka Regional Park
Carver County: Piersons, Parley and Wassermann Lakes

PROJECT TIMELINE:

Three Rivers Park District: May 23 through September 7 for Auburn, Zumbra and Steiger. May 23 through September 27 for Lake Minnetonka Regional Park.
Carver County: May 9 through September 13. Weekends September 19 through October 31 as staffing capacity allows.

PROJECT/PROGRAM COST:

Fund name and number: AIS, 2206
Requested amount of funding: \$55,560

PAST BOARD ACTION:

Approved 2014 Workplan for AIS Program that included funding for “roaming inspector” services for AIS watercraft inspections.

Authorized agreements in 2014 for roaming inspector services from Three Rivers Park District and Carver County.

Approved 2015 Workplan for AIS Program that included funding for “roaming inspector” services for AIS watercraft inspections.

SUMMARY:

In 2013, the District began another approach to AIS prevention through watercraft inspection using “roaming inspectors” who would cover lakes within the MCWD that have public boat launches and are not already covered by regularly-scheduled inspectors. The presence of these educators/inspectors is spread through other parts of the District and provides at least some level of protection for more lakes with public accesses.

Roaming inspectors rotate periodically among various lakes to provide watercraft inspection services. Their schedules with specific lakes are flexible and designed to coincide with higher-use times on the lakes. In 2013 and 2014, the District contracted with Three Rivers Park District and Carver County to provide these services on several lakes.

As the roaming inspector concept has been initiated by the MCWD, the District will bear the full cost of contracting for this service. It is not a cost-share activity proposed by the agencies, under which the MCWD would pay 50 percent of the cost. The proposals for the roaming inspector programs for 2015 are as follows:

Three Rivers Park District

Three Rivers would provide inspection services at Auburn, Zumbra and Steiger Lakes, as well as increased inspectors at Lake Minnetonka Regional Park that will focus mainly on outbound inspections. The estimated cost of these services is \$14,560, and is based on a schedule of 1456 total hours of service, with 200 hours dedicated to Auburn, Zumbra and Steiger each from May 23 through September 7. 856 hours are scheduled for the Lake Minnetonka Regional Park, from May 23 through September 27, which would focus on doing more outbound inspections at the launch. Inspections will be focused on weekends and other high-use times at all accesses.

In 2014, Three Rivers Park District provided 973.5 hours of service. It performed 2,323 inspections (Auburn – 170; Zumbra – 60; Steiger – 53; Minnetonka - 2040). There were 9 watercraft inspected that were potentially contaminated with AIS at Auburn, Zumbra and Steiger Lakes, but no reports of zebra mussels. There were 113 watercraft inspected that were with potentially contaminated with AIS at Minnetonka Regional Park, with 9 of those having reported zebra mussels.

Carver County

Carver County would provide inspection services at Piersons, Parley and Wassermann Lakes. The estimated cost of these services is \$41,000, and is based on a schedule with varied hours of service ranging between 6am – 6pm daily, from May 9 through September 13. In addition, weekends starting September 19 through October 31st would be eligible for coverage as staffing capacity allows. There would be a maximum of 2,682 hours of service.

In 2014, Carver County provided 2,256.5 hours of service. It performed 2,013 inspections (Piersons – 963; Parley – 651; Wassermann – 399). 139, or about 7%, of the watercraft inspected were potentially contaminated with AIS. Of the 2,013 inspections, there was one reported finding of zebra mussels at Piersons Lake.

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 15-042

TITLE: Authorization to Enter into Agreement with Three Rivers Park District to Provide Roaming Watercraft Inspection Services in 2015.

WHEREAS, the Board of Managers has approved the 2015 Workplan for the AIS Program; and

WHEREAS, the "roaming inspector" program begun in 2013, continued in 2014, and is planned to be continued in 2015, in order to provide AIS watercraft inspections on a rotating periodic basis at public launches throughout the District; and

WHEREAS, MCWD and Three Rivers Park District staffs have developed a program in which the District would contract with Three Rivers to provide these services at Auburn, Zumbra, Steiger and Lake Minnetonka Regional Park for an estimated cost of \$14,560 in 2015; and

WHEREAS, at the MCWD Board Operations and Programs Committee on March 5, 2015, it was recommended to be forwarded to the Board Meeting as a consent item for final action

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers authorize the execution of an agreement with Three Rivers Park District to provide these watercraft inspection services at a cost not to exceed \$14,560; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Managers authorize the District Administrator, upon advice of counsel and with such further minor revisions as may be necessary to effect the intent of the parties, to enter into this agreement.

Resolution Number 15-042 was moved by Manager _____, seconded by Manager _____.
Motion to adopt the resolution ___ ayes, ___ nays, ___ abstentions. Date: _____.

Secretary Date: _____

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 15-043

TITLE: Authorization to Enter into Agreement with Carver County to Provide Roaming Watercraft Inspection Services in 2015.

WHEREAS, the Board of Managers has approved the 2015 Workplan for the AIS Program; and

WHEREAS, the "roaming inspector" program begun in 2013, continued in 2014, and is planned to be continued in 2015, in order to provide AIS watercraft inspections on a rotating periodic basis at public launches throughout the District; and

WHEREAS, MCWD and Carver County staff have developed a program in which the District would contract with Carver County to provide these services at Piersons, Parley and Wassermann Lakes for an estimated cost of \$41,000 in 2015; and

WHEREAS, at the MCWD Board Operations and Programs Committee on March 5, 2015, it was recommended to be forwarded to the Board Meeting as a consent item for final action

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers authorize the execution of an agreement with Carver County to provide these watercraft inspection services at a cost not to exceed \$41,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Managers authorize the District Administrator, upon advice of counsel and with such further minor revisions as may be necessary to effect the intent of the parties, to enter into this agreement.

Resolution Number 15-043 was moved by Manager _____, seconded by Manager _____.
Motion to adopt the resolution ___ ayes, ___ nays, ___ abstentions. Date: _____.

Secretary Date: _____