

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ALEXANDRIA LAKE AREA SANITARY DISTRICT (ALASD) POSITION ON MPCA REISSUANCE OF NPDES PERMIT**

**WHEREAS**, our local unit of government is a member of the Alexandria Lake Area Sanitary District (ALASD), and

**WHEREAS**, the ALASD discharges into Lake Winona, which has been the subject of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study to address impairment by excess nutrients, which study has not yet been completed, and

**WHEREAS**, unbeknownst to the ALASD and this local government unit, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) entered into a Stipulation Agreement with two environmental organizations for the settlement of a lawsuit in Ramsey County concerning the ALASD's permit on July 25, 2012, and

**WHEREAS**, this Agreement requires the MPCA to reissue a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to the ALASD within 150 days after the date of the Agreement, with water quality-based effluent limits (WQBELs) for total phosphorus and chloride base upon outdated and scientifically indefensible water quality standards, and

**WHEREAS**, the issuance of the permit with such WQBELs may result in our citizens' outlay of tens of millions of dollars with little or no improvement in the environment, and

**WHEREAS**, the ALASD has demanded that the MPCA develop scientifically-supported site-specific standards for nutrients and chloride for Lake Winona prior to such WQBELs being developed, and

**WHEREAS**, our citizens pay user fees and property taxes that support the operation of the ALASD.

**Now, therefore be it resolved, that Carlos Township supports the position of the ALASD on the MPCA reissuance of the ALASD's NPDES Permit.**

**Be it further resolved, we request that:**

1. No NPDES permit is reissued to the ALASD until site-specific standards for nutrients and chloride applicable to Lake Winona have been completed.
2. No NPDES permit is reissued to the ALASD until the MPCA has completed, and EPA has approved, the Lake Winona TMDL Study and Implementation Plan.
3. No capital expenditure is required until the successful drawdown of Lake Winona is completed.

Adopted by Carlos Township this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012 by the following vote:

Yes: Waldorf, Meyers & Krivanek

No:

Dwayne Waldorf  
Signature Chairman

Rebecca Anderson  
Clerk