

TOWN OF SAINT GERMAIN

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Town Lakes Committee Exotic Aquatic Species Resolution

WHEREAS, lakefront property accounts for approximately 80% of the assessed valuation of the town of Saint Germain, and

WHEREAS, the Public Trust Doctrine stipulates that the State of Wisconsin has primary responsibility for protecting the state's public waters and resources, and

WHEREAS, if invasive aquatic exotic species are not prevented and managed, they have the ability to reduce the recreational values of the lakes thereby negatively impacting tourism in Saint Germain and reducing property values throughout the community, and

WHEREAS, the state of Wisconsin has thus far failed to provide funding for invasive aquatic exotic species prevention and management programs in its lakes, thus by default placing the unpredictable and unreasonable financial burden for such programs upon lakefront property owners and local lake organizations;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the town of Saint Germain shall, until such time that the state of Wisconsin appropriates adequate continuing funding for invasive aquatic exotic species prevention and control programs, annually include in its operating budget for the following year, funding for prevention and control of invasive aquatic exotic species in lakes that lie totally or partially within the boundaries of the Saint Germain Town/Township with the following stipulations:

1. Any request for funding from the town must be submitted by the officers of lake districts or incorporated lake associations. Requests for funding must be submitted to and approved by the Town Lakes Committee which will in turn submit the requests to the town board. The Lakes Committee will include in its annual recommendations to the town board a lake by lake allocation of funds to assure that the needs of individual lake groups are considered equitably within the limits of available town funding.
2. Requests for funding from the town must be submitted to the Saint Germain town board by no later than October 1st of the year preceding the actual expenditures.
3. Using non-levied revenue, the town may match local funding generated by the lake districts or incorporated lake associations up to 50 per cent of the total project cost. Town funding will be generated from room tax receipts with an initial sum of \$25,000 in 2004.
4. Expenditures meeting the above conditions will first be approved by the Town Lakes Committee prior to being paid directly by the town to the provider of goods or services on behalf of the lake districts or incorporated lake associations.

Adopted this 16th day of October, 2003

_____ Jim Wendt, Chairman

_____ Lee Holthaus, Supervisor

_____ Ed Odette, Supervisor

_____ Peggy Nimz, Supervisor

_____ Ted Ritter, Supervisor