

RESOLUTION NO. 10-3B-523

AGENDA NO. 12.G.(1)

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Supervisor J. Russell Podzilni
INITIATED BY

County Board Staff Committee
SUBMITTED BY



Phil Boutwell
Assistant to County Administrator
DRAFTED BY

March 11, 2010
DATE DRAFTED

**Supporting Aggressive Action to Prevent Asian Carp from Entering Lake Michigan
and Great Lakes Watersheds**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, many jobs and major investments in Wisconsin depend on the health of the Lake
- 2 Michigan watershed eco-system; and,
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- 4 **WHEREAS**, Asian Carp may consume up to half their weight daily in plankton and are likely to
- 5 decimate the lake resources that native species depend upon; and,
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- 7 **WHEREAS**, Asian Carp have been moving up the Mississippi River system toward the Great Lakes
- 8 since they escaped decades ago from ponds in Arkansas and they are now poised to enter Lake
- 9 Michigan through the Chicago Sanitary Canal or through the Des Plaines river flooding; and,
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- 11 **WHEREAS**, history with devastating invasive species like zebra mussels and lamprey eels teaches that
- 12 preventing entry is imperative as well as cost effective; and,
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- 14 **WHEREAS**, once invasive species enter the great lakes, they soon become problems in inland rivers
- 15 and lakes too; and,
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- 17 **WHEREAS**, it is likely that there is still time to prevent a breeding population of carp from getting
- 18 established, thus harming the lake and the livelihood of the people who rely on it.
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- 20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
- 21 assembled this 25th day of March 2010 support pursuing every reasonable legal means
- 22 available to protect Wisconsin and Great Lakes water systems from invasive carp, including support of
- 23 the lawsuit in the US Supreme Court to temporarily close the shipping locks near Chicago and create
- 24 new stormflood barriers; and,
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- 26 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Rock County Board of Supervisors that the Rock County
- 27 Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the President of the United States, Rock
- 28 County's federal legislative delegation, the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin
- 29 Attorney General, Rock County's state legislative delegation, all Wisconsin Counties, and the
- 30 Wisconsin Counties Association.


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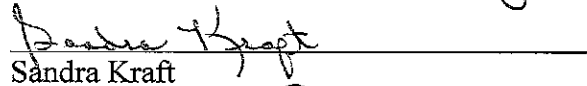
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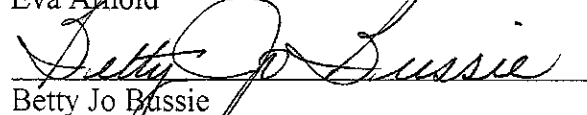
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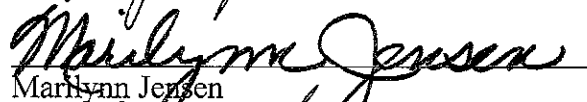
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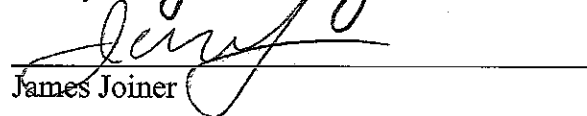

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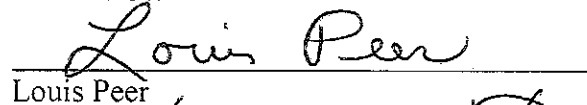

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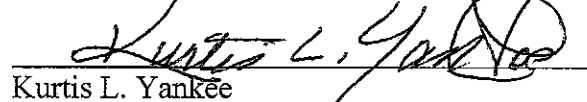

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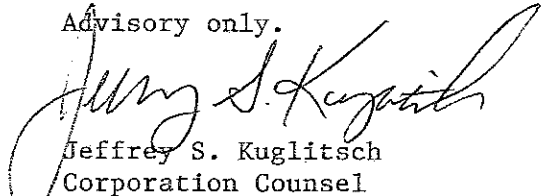
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George Baltes
Internal Auditor

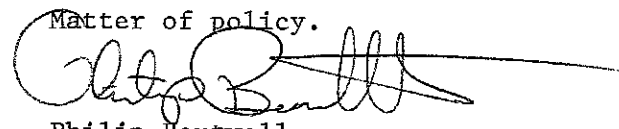
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Advisory only.


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ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Matter of policy.


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