
RESOLUTION PROPOSAL

DATE: October 22, 2009
SUBJECT: Muskrat Control Contract
SPONSOR: John Korhonen, General Manager

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The muskrat population on the main lake has increased dramatically during the past year and this has caused numerous problems for many lake front property owners. Muskrats have borrowed into the shoreline and behind bulkheads causing increased erosion problems around the lake. Muskrats have also crawled into boats and chewed on gasoline lines and electrical lines causing thousands of dollars in repair costs for many boat owners. Several lake front property owners have hired Colvin's Animal Damage Control Service to trap muskrats on their property. Mr. Colvin informs me he has trapped 60 muskrats so far this year. Due to the severity of the muskrat problem the Storm Water Management Committee and the Lake Health Committee both recommend a lake-wide trapping program be conducted by LMOA to reduce the number of muskrats around the lake. Gary Hannifan will provide a 14 foot boat with motor for use by the trapper at no cost.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Concur

PROPOSED FINANCIAL IMPACT: Not to Exceed \$_____

PROPOSED SOURCE OF FUNDING: 2009 Amended Lake Health Budget line item titled Wildlife Control - Muskrats

STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE:

2.1 Protect and improve the lakes and ponds through ecologically sound measures implemented by the Association and individual property owners

POSSIBLE MOTION:

Move that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract with Colvin's Animal Control Service in an amount not to exceed \$_____ to begin in December 2009 and end in February 2010 to be paid from the 2009 Amended Lake Health Budget line item titled Wildlife Control - Muskrats.

PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR FOLLOW-UP: General Manager