

RESOLUTION #11-06-XXX

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF 2011 STATE BOND FUNDING FOR THE REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF THE COON RAPIDS DAM AS AN INVASIVE FISH BARRIER

WHEREAS, the Coon Rapids Regional Dam Commission (Commission) was established by the Minnesota Legislature in 2010 to study and make recommendations on the future governance, operation, maintenance, and financing of the Coon Rapids Dam on the Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS, following two public meetings and ten Commission meetings, a report of findings and recommendations was released to the Legislature in February 2011; and

WHEREAS, among its findings, the Commission determined that the Coon Rapids Dam offers the most viable opportunity to stop the spread of invasive fish into northern Minnesota, including the Asian carp, thereby helping to protect a \$2.8 billion annual state sport fishing industry; and

WHEREAS, the Commission recommended that the State of Minnesota should provide the funding for the repair and renovation of the Coon Rapids Dam for a 50-year life span and to serve as an effective barrier to invasive fish species, and that this work should be done immediately.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF RAMSEY, ANOKA COUNTY, STATE OF MINNESOTA, as follows:

1. That the City of Ramsey embraces the concept of cooperation and collaboration to promote greater efficiency in the use of public resources and is committed to exploring opportunities.
2. That the City of Ramsey hereby supports legislation authorizing 2011 state bond funding in the amount of \$17 million for the immediate renovation of the Coon Rapids Dam as an effective invasive fish barrier.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember , and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

and the following abstained:

and the following were absent:

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted by the Ramsey City Council this the 14th day of June 2011.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk