

**MICHIGAN STATE WATERWAYS COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 04-2016-02**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE GRANT AWARDS FOR WATERWAYS
FUNDING**

Whereas, the Michigan State Waterways Commission provides advice to the Department on financial and technical issues;

Whereas, the Department provides recommendations to the legislature for the appropriation of funds to the Department;

Whereas, the Capital Outlay Funding provides funds for the acquisition, maintenance and development of boating facilities;

Whereas, the current grant applications have been evaluated and recommended by staff;

Whereas, the recommended current grant applications are able to be awarded through this year's appropriations

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Waterways Commission recommends awarding grants as listed in the accompanying list of Waterways grant applications.

The Michigan State Waterways program policy does support grant-in-aid public harbors to benefit recreational boating, without undo impact on the private sector. The request by the City of Rogers City to seek grant funding of a boat storage system is a unique request and we want to assure that a storage system will not conflict with a potential private sector provider. The community has assured the DNR that there is not a current alternative to provide a system to store boats.

To ensure that the policy is adhered to the following requirements will be included into the grant agreement:

- 1) That Rogers City will send the details for review and approval by the DNR as to the specified lift and other devices to store boats as requested in the grant application.
- 2) That prior to approval of the grant, the Rogers City council must hold a public hearing to assess whether a viable alternative to provide boat storage exists in the private sector.
- 3) That Rogers City is required to annually submit a report to the Michigan DNR Parks and Recreation Waterways Program and to the Michigan State Waterways Commission to confirm the results

as well if any viable private sector operator alternative exists. If there is a viable alternative that the agreement will include a procedure to assess an alternative operation in a manner to determine if an equitable transfer to a private sector partner is feasible.

Submitted by: Ronald Olson, Chief,
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Date: Friday, April 29, 2016

Voting Record

Motion by: Chair Gary Marowske Yea: 7

Motion seconded by: Commissioner Ward Walstrom Nay: 0

