
Sponsor: Parks & Recreation

Meeting Date: 9/17/2024

Title: Resolution for Minnesota Management and Budget for Release of Bond Funding for Battle Creek Waterworks Project

File Number: 2024-381

Background and Rationale:

Ramsey County owns and operates the Battle Creek Waterworks water park facility located at 2401 Upper Afton Road East, Maplewood, MN 55119. The water park was constructed in 2000 to serve the community as a family water park within the Ramsey County regional park system. As the facility is nearing 25 years old, there are several maintenance needs including needed repairs to mechanical systems, American Disability Act accessibility upgrades, energy efficiency upgrades, pool improvements, and new amenities needed to enhance the user experience. If maintenance issues are not addressed at the water park the facility could experience business interruptions.

During the 2023 state of Minnesota legislative session general obligation bonds and modernization funding were approved by the legislature to support infrastructure projects within the regional parks and trails system. In February 2024, the Ramsey County Board authorized the County Manager to establish a project budget for the Battle Creek Waterworks remodel. In July 2024, the Ramsey County Board approved the project budget and financing plan for the facility renovation and on August 13th, 2024, the board accepted \$1,313,520 from the state of Minnesota Modernization Funds.

Before Minnesota Management and Budget can release the Minnesota State Bond Grant funding of \$2,425,635.04 to Metropolitan Council for this project, a resolution containing project completion assurances and financial capability was requested.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Pledge to complete the project or phase if it exceeds the total funding provided by the proposed \$2,425,635.04 grant from the Minnesota Metropolitan Council.
2. Affirm that the Ramsey County has the financial capability to provide any required matching funds and that the source of the county's matching funds shall be the Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Open Space - Facility Operations /Maintenance PRK BC Waterworks Renovation Account, Account #2024 441207.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner McGuire, seconded by Commissioner Frethem. Motion passed.

Aye: - 6: Frethem, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

By: 
Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board