
Sponsor: Parks & Recreation

Meeting Date: 2/22/2022

Title: State of Minnesota General Obligation Bond Declaration for Keller Regional Park

File Number: 2022-101

Background and Rationale:

Ten cities, counties and special districts that operate regional parks and trails in the metro area make up the regional park implementing agencies, which includes Ramsey County. These agencies receive funding from the Metropolitan Council to acquire, develop and operate the Regional Park and Trail System. The Metropolitan Council is required by Minnesota Law to prepare a multi-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and to establish criteria and priorities for the allocation of funds from the CIP to the regional agencies. The Metropolitan Council submits a CIP bond funding request to the Minnesota Legislature based on the multi-year plan.

During State Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the department received Metropolitan Council Regional Park and Trails CIP funds in the amount of \$709,000 for site improvements to Keller Regional Park. On February 27, 2018, a Metropolitan Council Regional Park and Trail CIP grant agreement was approved, and general county funds were authorized for implementation of improvements, and reimbursement after site improvements where completed. As a condition of that grant, a general obligation bond declaration is required to be recorded on the property where improvements are implemented. The declaration is meant to provide protection of land as parkland for use of Regional Park and Trail CIP funds which consist of state bonds and Metropolitan Council bonds. The department is in the process of closing out the Keller Regional CIP grant, and submission of the declaration to the Metropolitan Council is the last step prior to seeking repayment.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Approve the state of Minnesota General Bond Declaration as a requirement to the Metropolitan Council Regional Parks and Trails Capital Improvement Program Grant.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the state of Minnesota General Bond Declaration.

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

Aye - 7: Carter, Frethem, MatasCastillo, McDonough, McGuire, Ortega, and Reinhardt

By: 

Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board