

Carlos Township, Douglas County
Resolution No~~2017~~-4

***A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE CREATION OF A SUBORDINATE
SERVICE DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING
A CLUSTER SEPTIC TREATMENT SYSTEM***

WHEREAS, fifty-two properties containing year-round and seasonal homes and cabins located along the south-east shoreline of Lake Miltona are within the jurisdiction of Carlos Township in the County of Douglas, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the properties were part of the Central Lakes Region Sanitary District (CLRSD) which was created to address inadequate wastewater treatment on individual lots around lakes outside of the Alexandria Lakes Area Sanitary District (ALASD), but CLRSD was later dissolved by the State legislature due to a lack of public support for a centralized sewer infrastructure project; and

WHEREAS, Carlos Township, through a Small Community Wastewater Technical Assistance Grant, completed a Community Assessment Report of the septic treatment options for the fifty-two properties, which concluded that cluster treatment systems are a viable solution; and

WHEREAS, the owners of twenty of the fifty-two properties within the study area have made a significant investment of time and financial resources into designing a cluster septic treatment system, locating suitable land, identifying funding sources, and determining a preferable method of financing and operation of the system by Carlos Township; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 365A, authorizes Carlos Township to establish a Subordinate Service District for the purpose of financing, operating, and maintaining a government service, such as wastewater collection and treatment, for a portion of the jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the owners of the twenty properties have collectively sought the cooperation and involvement of Carlos Township in the financing, operation, and general administration of the cluster septic treatment system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Carlos Township Board of Supervisors recognizes the results of previous studies and the efforts of the property owners and supports the establishment of a cluster septic treatment system to provide safe and efficient treatment of wastewater for a number of homes along South Lake Miltona Drive; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Carlos Township supports the establishment of Subordinate Service Districts according to MN Statutes Chpt 365A within the township

when such districts are petitioned for by residents and will provide essential community services that cannot efficiently and effectively be provided otherwise; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Carlos Township will actively engage in a cooperative effort with property owners in the South Lake Miltona Drive neighborhood, County and State agencies, and other parties to determine a mechanism to fund the development, installation, and operation of a cluster septic treatment system that would not involve the use of general property tax revenue funds, such as through the Minnesota Department of Agriculture Revolving Loan Fund, or other source where the township may act as the fiscal agent for the project.

Dated at Carlos, Minnesota this 27th day of April, 2017

CARLOS TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DOUGLAS COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Rod Meyers
Rod Meyers, Chair

ATTEST:

Rebecca Anderson
Rebecca Anderson, Clerk
Carlos Township, Douglas County