

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-01**

**Ravenna Township  
Dakota County, Minnesota**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE  
DAKOTA COUNTY RURAL COLLABORATIVE  
WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE**

**WHEREAS**, the Township wishes to retain local water management permitting authority; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township participated in the preparation of the 12-community Dakota County Rural Collaborative Local Water Management Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization (VRWJPO) approved the Dakota County Rural Collaborative Local Water Management Plan on October 23, 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township adopted the Dakota County Rural Collaborative Local Water Management Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, communities are required to adopt a water resources management ordinance within 180 days of approval of the Dakota County Rural Collaborative Local Water Management Plan by the VRWJPO; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has participated in the collaborative preparation of a water resources management ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has participated in collaborative community work sessions and joint public hearings to receive public comment on the water resources management ordinance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Supervisors of Ravenna Township makes the following findings regarding adoption of a local water resources management ordinance:

1. The Township wishes to retain local water management permitting authority.
2. The Township adopted the Dakota County Rural Collaborative Local Water Management Plan.
3. Communities are required to adopt a water resources management ordinance within 180 days of approval of the Collaborative Local Water Management Plan by the VRWJPO, in order to retain permitting.
4. Failure to adopt a local water resources management ordinance may result in the transfer of local water resources permitting authority to the VRWJPO.
5. Communities must adopt water resources management ordinance provisions that are consistent with the existing Watershed Rules and Watershed Standards, adopted by the VRWJPO.
6. The Dakota County Rural Collaborative communities conducted several public meetings in the preparation of the collaborative local water management plan and collaborative water resources management ordinance since May 2007.
7. The Dakota County Rural Collaborative communities conducted joint public hearings on March 16, 2009, and March 19, 2009, to receive public input on the water resources management ordinance.

8. The primary public objections to the adoption of the collaborative water resources management ordinance regard the establishment of wetland and waterway buffers, including buffer use restrictions and management requirements, and other requirements, which are existing components of the Rules and Standards, adopted by the VRWJPO.
9. The Water Resources Management Ordinance prepared by the Dakota County Rural Collaborative, dated March 29, 2009, includes the mandatory provisions of the VRWJPO Rules and Standards.
10. The Water Resources Management Ordinance prepared by the Dakota County Rural Collaborative, dated March 29, 2009, has been reviewed and accepted by the staff of the VRWJPO on behalf of the VRWJPO Board.
11. The VRWJPO Board has expressed a willingness to consider amendments to its Rules and/or Standards, through its normal amendment procedures, that may allow additional exemptions for the establishment of buffers for non-Green Acres eligible lots created in local community zoning districts which limit maximum non-farm residential densities to one dwelling per quarter-quarter section or one dwelling per 40 acres.
12. The VRWJPO has expressed a willingness to consider amendments to its Rules and/or Standards, through its normal amendment procedures, that may allow an existing conservation practice "grassed waterway," permitted by the NRCS or SWCD according to the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide, to serve as a required water quality corridor buffer.
13. It is in the public interest to adopt the Water Resources Management Ordinance, dated March 29, 2009, in order to retain local water management permitting authority.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Board of Supervisors of Ravenna Township adopts the Water Resources Management Ordinance prepared by the Dakota County Rural Collaborative, dated March 29, 2009, and approves the Ordinance Summary for publication.

Upon being put to a vote, the following supervisors voted in favor of said Resolution:

Carl Reuter: ✓ Hank Tressel: ✓ Mike Waxon: ✓

The following supervisors voted in opposition to said Resolution:

Carl Reuter: \_\_\_\_\_ Hank Tressel: \_\_\_\_\_ Mike Waxon: \_\_\_\_\_

*WHEREUPON*, the Chairperson declared the Resolution to be duly passed and adopted this 9th day of April 2009.

Attest:

 Barbara Kienberger  
Ravenna Township Clerk  
Notary Public, Minnesota  
Dakota County  
My Commission Expires 3-2010

Barbara Kienberger  
Barbara Kienberger  
Clerk/Treasurer

Ravenna Township,  
Dakota County, Minnesota

By: Carl Reuter  
Carl Reuter, Town Board Supervisor

By: Hank Tressel  
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