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SLOW NO WAKE ORDINANCE

PURPOSE: A state of emergency exists for Bass Lake and the shoreline area surrounding Bass Lake in both the Township of St. Joseph and the Township of Somerset due to the high water level of the Lake. Many homes are flooded; many others are in imminent danger of flooding; many septic systems are under water or about to be under water; and the shoreline is extremely susceptible to massive erosion. Because of our concern for the water quality of the Lake and the potentially deleterious effect that the discharge of septic systems and large amounts of shoreline erosion will have, we enact the following ordinance:

- 1. No watercraft of any type shall operate at a speed other than "slow no wake" so as to cause a wake or other such wave action to occur as a result of operation of the watercraft. This applies to any point or location on the entire lake, not just near shoreland areas, and is in effect 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- 2. PENALTY: The penalty for operation for a boat at a speed producing a wake shall be a fine not to exceed \$100.00 for the first offense and a fine of not to exceed \$250.00 for each subsequent offense.
- 3. EFFECTIVE DATE: The Ordinance shall be in effect from the date of passage and shall remain in effect until the level of the lake recedes to the ordinary high water mark of 886.1 as previously established by the Department of Natural Resources.

Dated this \_\_\_ day of May, 1995.

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Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Secretary

STATE OF WISCONSIN

SS  
COUNTY OF ST. CROIX

I, Jill Ann Berke,  
County Clerk in and for said county,

do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing and within copy  
of Resolution #4(87) with the original record in this office  
and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole  
thereof, and I further certify that the same was adopted  
by the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors  
on the 13th day of January, A.D. 1987.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and official seal  
this 14th day of January, A.D. 1987.

Jill Ann Berke  
County Clerk, St. Croix County

ST. CROIX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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RESOLUTION APPOINTING )  
INITIAL COMMISSIONERS AND )  
COUNTY APPOINTED COMMISSIONER )  
FOR THE BASS LAKE )  
REHABILITATION DISTRICT )

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Resolution No. 4(87)

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board of Supervisors finds and concludes:

1. That the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors has created the Bass Lake Rehabilitation District.

2. That the Land Conservation Committee has nominated Tom Dorsey to serve on the Bass Lake Rehabilitation District Board of Commissioners following the election of commissioners at the first annual meeting.

3. That the Land Conservation Committee has determined that the following individuals own property in the Bass Lake Rehabilitation District, that at least of them resides in the Bass Lake Rehabilitation District, and has recommended that they be appointed to the Bass Lake Rehabilitation District Board of Commissioners as initial commissioners to serve until the first annual meeting of the Bass Lake Rehabilitation District:

Tom Bell, P.O. Box 69, New Richmond, Wisconsin 54017

John Eiring, Route 2, Box 315B, Somerset, Wisconsin 54025

Earl Balzer, Route 2, Box 310B, Somerset, Wisconsin 54025

4. That the Land Conservation Committee has determined that the Town of St. Joseph has the largest portion by valuation within the Bass Lake Rehabilitation District.

RESOLUTION

IT IS, THEREFORE, RESOLVED THAT:


1. Pursuant to Section 33.27 and Section 33.28, Wisconsin Statutes, the four individuals named above are appointed to the Bass Lake Rehabilitation District Board of Commissioners under the conditions noted above.

2. The clerk of the Town of St. Joseph be notified by copy of this resolution that it shall appoint a member of its governing body to serve on the Bass Lake Rehabilitation District Board of Commissioners according to Section 33.27 and Section 33.28, Wisconsin Statutes.

Dated this 13 day of January, 1987.

ST. CROIX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY:   
Norman E. Anderson, Chairman

BY:   
Jill A. Berke, Clerk

ST. CROIX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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ORDER ESTABLISHING BASS LAKE        )  
REHABILITATION DISTRICT            )

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On October 23rd, 1986, a verified petition was filed with the St. Croix County Clerk requesting establishment of a public inland lake protection and rehabilitation district to be known as the Bass Lake Rehabilitation District, and was accompanied by a plat or sketch indicating the approximate area and boundaries of the proposed districts.

A hearing was held by the St. Croix County Land Conservation Committee on November 18th, 1986, pursuant to Section 33.26, Wisconsin Statutes, with the following committee members present: Wayne Willink, Chairman, Norman Anderson, Tom Dorsey, and Vern Nelson.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the report of the Land Conservation Committee, the Board finds and concludes:

1. That the petition dated October 23rd, 1986 was signed by at least 51% of the land owners, and owners of 51% of the land, in the proposed district.
2. That the Bass Lake Rehabilitation District is necessary in order to address the problems of high water, water quality, shoreline erosion, and preserve existing roadways and the public boat landing.
3. That establishment of the district will promote the public health, comfort, convenience, necessity or public welfare.
4. That property finally included in the district will be benefited by the establishment thereof.
5. That formation of the district will not cause or contribute to long-range environmental pollution as defined by Section 144.30(9), Wisconsin Statutes.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED THAT:

1. Pursuant to Section 33.24, Wisconsin Statutes, a public inland lake protection and rehabilitation district is hereby established to include the area within the following boundaries:

All parcels of land in Section 23 and 26 of the Town of St. Joseph which currently abut the shoreline of Bass Lake, and all parcels of land in Section 14 of the Town of Somerset that either abut Bass Lake or any of the associated bodies of water to the north of Bass Lake in that town, as further defined by the map located in the St. Croix County Clerk's file regarding this matter.

2. The district shall be a body corporate and shall have all such powers as are authorized by Chapter 33, Wisconsin Statutes, and shall be known as Bass Lake Rehabilitation District.


Dated this 13 day of January, 1987.

ST. CROIX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY:

  
Norman E. Anderson, Chairman

BY:

  
Jill A. Berke, Clerk