



MEMORANDUM
Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District

Date: August 17, 2023
To: CLFLWD Board of Managers
From: Mike Kinney, District Administrator
Subject: Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Application – Bone Lake



Background/Discussion

The purpose of this agenda is to consider authorizing the District Administrator to submit a grant application to the Department of Natural Resources Conservation Partners Legacy (CPL) grant program and to execute the grant agreement, if awarded. The District has received CPL grants in the past; most recently for acquisition of the North Shore Trail Nature Area parcel off Forest Lake’s east basin.

The proposed project would acquire one or more parcels associated with the Bone Lake South property. Prior to closing, the District would work with the current owner and the City of Scandia to redraw the parcel lines associated with this site. If awarded, the CPL grant would fund acquisition of one or more of these newly drawn parcels. The District has a \$1.9 million Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Fund grant which would fund acquisition of one or more separate parcels located nearby. In order to maintain grant eligibility, the District must ensure the acquisitions under either grant are for separate parcels. It is still eligible if the parcels are adjacent to each other. The Lessard-Sams grant alone is not enough to purchase all of the parcels that comprise this site. As such, the District is seeking additional grant dollars through the CPL program.

The grant application deadline for Round 1 of program funding is September 19, 2023. If funding is still available after Round 1, one more round will be offered in January. A 10% non-state match is required for all grants. The estimated grant request is \$500,000.

Recommended Motion

Proposed Motion: Manager _____ moves to authorize the District Administrator to submit an application to the CPL Grant Program for the Bone Lake South property and execute the grant agreement, if awarded. Seconded by Manager _____.