



**Carver County Board of Commissioners**  
**June 21, 2012**  
**Special Meeting**  
County Board Room  
Carver County Government Center  
Human Services Building  
Chaska, Minnesota

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- 6:00 p.m. 3. **PUBLIC WORKS**  
3.1 Request for aquatic invasive species inspection services –  
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David Hemze  
County Administrator

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

June 26, 2012	9:00 a.m. Board Meeting
July 3, 2012	No Meeting
July 10, 2012	9:00 a.m. Work Session
July 17, 2012	4:00 p.m. Board Meeting
July 24, 2012	9:00 a.m. Board Meeting
July 31, 2012	No Meeting

# Carver County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action

**Agenda Item:****Request for Aquatic Invasive Species Inspection Services- Lake Bavaria**

Primary Originating Division/Dept: Public Works - Parks

Meeting

Date: 6/21/2012

Contact: Marty Walsh

Title: Parks Director

Item Type:

Regular Session

Amount of Time Requested: 25 minutes

Presenter: Martin Walsh

Title: Parks Director

Attachments:  Yes  No

Strategic Initiative:

Communities: Create and maintain safe, healthy, and livable communities

**BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:**

Carver County owns and operates the public boat access on Lake Bavaria.

At the February 8, 2012 Park Commission Meeting, the Friends of Lake Bavaria (FLB) requested that an AIS inspection program be implemented at the boat access similar to what the County and Minnehaha Creek Watershed District provides at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park.

The Park Commission did not recommend approval of an inspection program at Lake Bavaria citing that the program at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park was a trial or pilot program.

Separate from the inspection program at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park, the County is providing AIS service at Bavaria, Waconia, Hydes and Reitz lakes. Funding for the inspections has been provided through a grant provided by the DNR and funds from the Carver County Land and Water Services Department. Generally, an inspector will be staffed at the Lake Bavaria access one 4 to 8 hour shift on a Saturday or Sunday each weekend during the summer.

Additional signage has been installed at the Lake Bavaria access reminding boaters to check, clean and drain their boats. A sign has also been installed indicating that boaters can voluntarily get free watercraft inspections at Lake Minnewashta Park. A map showing directions to Lake Minnewashta is included on the sign.

FLB has made an additional request to have electronic gates installed at the Lake Bavaria boat access.

The request to gate the access at Lake Bavaria has implications which go beyond the cost to install gates at Lake Bavaria. These other implications include a need for a broader public involvement process, decontamination site selection or agreement for decontamination service, costs for infrastructure, capital equipment, operational costs and changes to operations at Lake Minnewashta Park. A more detailed analysis, plan, and public input would be needed to make a recommendation to provide an electronic gate system which would restrict watercraft from launching.

The Park Commission considered the request at a special meeting on Tuesday, June 19th, 2012 meeting. Staff will provide a report to the County Board on the action recommended by the Park Commission.

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

- 1) Consider the request by the Friends of Lake Bavaria and recommendation by the Parks Commission and take action as appropriate on providing additional aquatic invasive species inspection services above and beyond what is currently provided.
- 2) Consider the request by the Friends of Lake Bavaria and recommendation by the Parks Commission and take action as appropriate on gating the Lake Bavaria boat access.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

FUNDING

If "Other", specify:

<b>FTE IMPACT:</b> None	<b>County Dollars =</b>	
	<b>Total</b>	\$0.00
<b>Related Financial/FTE Comments:</b>		

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