

Resolution 2011-04
Support of Michigan Waterways Commission Grant Application

WHEREAS, Grand Marais Bay is the only Harbor of Refuge between Whitefish Point and Munising, Michigan along Lake Superior’s notorious ninety mile “shipwreck coast” and is a vital link on Lake Superior for the safe passage of commercial and recreational boat traffic and research vessels on Lake Superior; and

WHEREAS, the break water at the Grand Marais Harbor of Refuge has completely deteriorated causing accretion of sand into the bay at a documented rate of 104,000 cubic yards per year, extensive shoaling, shoreline erosion, loss of property, loss of vital wildlife habitat, and loss of lives; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Burt, Alger County, has struggled for over 40 years attempting to urge the US Army Corps of Engineers to obtain funding to restore the break water; and

WHEREAS, this vital Harbor of Refuge will be rendered useless within the next two (2) years unless immediate action is taken; and

WHEREAS; the community of Grand Marais have held numerous public meetings on the options to restore the Harbor through construction of a break water; and

WHEREAS, this Harbor is a vital economic link to the region, the county and the community and is critically important to the sustainability and growth of Grand Marais; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on March 18, 2011 with full support from the community to file a grant application with the Michigan Waterways Commission in the amount of \$5,000,000 to re-construct the break water at Grand Marais Harbor; and

WHEREAS, the township has secured \$200,000 to be used as matching funds through various resources including a township wide millage;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Board shall file said grant application with the Michigan Waterways Commission.

This resolution was adopted on motion by Trustee, Scott Wieting, second by Clerk, Kay Wampler at a special meeting of the Township Board held on March 28, 2011.

Ayes: 4, Nays: _____, Absent: 1

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
COUNTY OF ALGER)

I, Kay L. Wampler, Clerk of the Township of Burt, Alger County, Michigan, certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the resolution which was approved by the Township Board at a meeting held on March 28, 2011.

Signed:

Dated:

Kay L. Wampler, Clerk