

CITY OF LONGVILLE, MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-819

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE COMMISSIONER OF NATURAL RESOURCES
CONDUCT AN INDEPENDENT ENGINEERING AND HYDROLOGIC REVIEW OF THE
GIRL LAKE OUTLET / BOY RIVER ROCK ARCH RAPIDS PROJECT AND THE WATER
LEVELS OF THE WOMAN LAKE CHAIN**

WHEREAS, the City of Longville is a statutory city and a political subdivision of the State of Minnesota, situated on Girl Lake within the Woman Lake chain in Cass County; and

WHEREAS, the navigation, commerce, public docks, property tax base, and general health, safety, and welfare of the City are directly dependent upon the water levels of the Woman Lake chain and the Boy River; and

WHEREAS, the outlet structure at the Girl Lake outlet on the Boy River at Longville was replaced in November 2025 with a rock arch rapids structure designed and permitted by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and sponsored and constructed by the Cass Soil and Water Conservation District (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the ordinary high-water level of Girl and Woman Lakes is reported to be 1324.3 (NAVD88), and the crest of the Project is reported to lie approximately 20.4 inches below that elevation and the bottom of the Project's fish-passage openings approximately 29.4 inches below it; and

WHEREAS, Girl Lake is reported to stand at its lowest recorded level in approximately ninety-one years, while the Project continues to discharge water from the chain during a period of minimal inflow, and the next lake downstream on the Boy River is reported to have risen approximately 5.2 inches during the same period; and

WHEREAS, the Department and the Cass Soil and Water Conservation District have each stated that the Project is not drawing down the chain, and no party independent of the Project's designer, permitting authority, sponsor, and builder has examined the question; and

WHEREAS, numerous residents, property owners, business owners, taxpayers, and users of these waters have petitioned this Council in writing to seek such a review; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 103G.401(a) authorizes a public body or authority to apply to the Commissioner to establish and maintain the level of public waters and to establish the ordinary high-water level; Minn. Stat. § 103G.515, subd. 1, authorizes the Commissioner to examine a dam, control structure, or waterway obstruction upon complaint; Minn. Stat. § 103G.251, subd. 1, authorizes the Commissioner to investigate activities affecting waters of the state when investigation is in the public interest; Minn. Stat. § 103G.315, subd. 4, directs the Commissioner to fix the control levels of public waters where they are in issue; and Minn. Stat. § 103G.315, subd. 11(a), makes every permit issued under chapter 103G subject to cancellation or to further conditions as necessary to protect the public interest; and

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 103G.301, subd. 6, Minn. Stat. § 103G.407, and Minn. R. 6115.0221, subp. 2(B), recognize the interest of a municipality in which a lake is located in an application affecting the control elevation of that lake, and afford the municipality the right to be served with the application and to file a recommendation or objection with the Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, this Council makes no finding as to the cause of the present low water conditions, and seeks only a documented, independent answer to a question of legitimate public concern;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Longville, Minnesota, as follows:

1. **Request for independent review.** The City requests that the Commissioner of Natural Resources conduct an independent, documented engineering and hydrologic review of the Project pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 103G.401, 103G.515, subd. 1, and 103G.251, subd. 1, to be performed by a qualified party independent of both the Department and the Cass Soil and Water Conservation District.
2. **Scope.** The City requests that the review include, at a minimum: (a) an independent as-built survey of the crest elevation, sub-crest flow-path elevations, and void geometry of the Project; (b) comparative stage-discharge relationships for the Project and for the structure it replaced, evaluated at identical lake stages across low, ordinary, and high flows; (c) concurrent gauging of inflow and outflow sufficient to establish a water balance for the Woman Lake chain; and (d) verification of compliance with Minn. R. 6115.0221, subp. 2(A)(2)(a), (4), and (5).
3. **Project record.** The City requests the complete Project record under Minn. Stat. Ch. 13, including the permit file and application, design calculations, hydrologic and hydraulic analyses, pre-construction and as-built survey data, change orders and field adjustments, construction inspection reports, water-level monitoring data, proof of service of the permit application upon any county or municipality, and any document reflecting a decision or recommendation affecting the functional control elevation of the outlet.
4. **Interim measures.** The City requests that the Commissioner identify and take such interim measures as the Commissioner may lawfully take, including any available under Minn. Stat. § 103G.315, subsd. 4 and 11, to reduce discharge from the chain pending completion of the review.
5. **Written response.** The City requests a written response within thirty (30) days identifying who will conduct the review, its scope, its schedule, and its data sources.
6. **Reservation of rights.** The City expressly reserves its authority to apply under Minn. Stat. § 103G.401 to establish and maintain the level of these public waters, and to file a recommendation or objection under Minn. Stat. §§ 103G.301, subd. 6, and 103G.407, and Minn. R. 6115.0221, subp. 2(B), should the review warrant it.
7. **Authorization.** The Mayor and City Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and transmit a formal written request to the Commissioner consistent with this Resolution, together with a certified copy of this Resolution and the Petition and signature pages presented to this Council, and to coordinate with Cass County, the Cass Soil and Water Conservation District, affected lake associations, and the area's legislative delegation.
8. **No City financial obligation.** Nothing in this Resolution authorizes or obligates the City to incur or pay any cost or expense associated with the independent engineering and hydrologic review requested herein. The City's request is that the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

arrange for and bear the cost of the requested review, unless the City Council separately authorizes an expenditure by subsequent action.

9. **Effective date.** This Resolution takes effect upon adoption.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Longville, Minnesota, this 19th day of August, 2026.

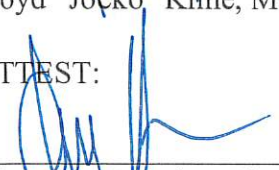
Motion by Councilmember Gilsrud. Seconded by Councilmember Eck.

Voting Aye: 3. Voting Nay: 0. Abstain: Tabaka



Floyd "Jocko" Kline, Mayor

ATTEST:



Christina Herheim, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION. I, Christina Herheim, City Clerk of the City of Longville, Minnesota, certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2026-819, adopted by the City Council at its regular meeting of August 19, 2026, at which a quorum was present, and that the Resolution remains in full force and effect.

Dated: 8-19-26

Christina Herheim, City Clerk