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To Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources,

The Burnett County Land Services Department would like to go on record as supporting the Des Moines Lake Associations' AIS Supplemental grant proposal. Des Moines Lake is listed as a WDNR High-Quality Water and is also located in a High-Quality Watershed, the Namekagon River Watershed.

Des Moines Lake Association and the Burnett County Land Services Department have a long-standing partnership in AIS education and outreach, invasive species control and aquatic plant management development.

Washburn and Burnett Counties were the first two counties in the State of Wisconsin to amend the "Do Not Transport Ordinance" to include decontamination stations at public landings, stating that if one is present the boater is required to use the equipment provided. Nearly 28 landings in Burnett County have decontamination stations, of which two landings (Fish and Lipsett Lake) upgraded to pressure washer stations.

Burnett County is **PROUD** of our lake groups going above and beyond to protect the pristine northwest Wisconsin waters by installing pressure washer stations. These systems are not only an upgrade from the current bleach solution offered, but are considered the most effective at cleaning boats and equipment.

With McKenzie and Middle McKenzie lakes having zebra mussels (both listed on the WDNR Top 300 AIS Waterbody List), along with new detections in 2022 in Balsam and Lake Wapogasset in Polk County, it's imperative to protect our valuable water resources in Burnett County, especially, a popular recreation waterbody like Des Moines Lake.

Again, Burnett County would like to go on record fully supporting the Des Moines Lake Associations' efforts in upgrading to a fully-functional pressure washer station. If assistance is needed from the lake group, we pledge to up to 3 hours of donated professional time for support – which would equate to \$120.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Emily Moore".

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