

Resolutions Hearing Packet



DATE: November 2, 2020
 TO: MAWD members
 FROM: MAWD Board and Resolutions Committee
RE: Resolutions Hearing

The Resolutions Committee met online at 2 p.m. on Friday, September 18, 2020 to review the resolutions submitted by MAWD members this year. There were six resolutions: one was a renewal of a resolution that was set to expire, two were repeats from last year, and 3 were new. The MAWD Board recommended two resolutions at their board meeting on September 25th meeting that were reviewed by the committee via email. The committee feedback is summarized in the table below and are discussed further after each resolution. Members (2 delegates from each watershed organization) will vote on the resolutions at the annual business meeting on December 4, 2020.

As a reminder, the objective of the resolutions committee is to complete the following tasks:

1. Determine if any proposed resolutions are duplicative of current policy. If so, they should not be forwarded to the members for a vote at the annual meeting.
2. Determine if any resolutions are so similar that they should be combined into one. If so, MAWD staff will work with the watersheds who submitted the resolutions to rewrite them into one resolution.
3. Determine if the “THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED” statements are written in a way that directs HOW or WHEN to do the work. If so, the committee should propose new language that simply states what the organization supports or opposes.
4. Debate the merits of each resolution and make recommendations to the membership on whether each resolution should be adopted or rejected. A summary committee position is forwarded to members with the resolutions. Note: the committee is not responsible to determine if MAWD resources are to be allocated for an issue. The committee only recommends whether the resolution fits the mission of MAWD and its members. If a resolution is adopted as MAWD policy, it just means we support the idea. It is up to the MAWD Board to determine how much time, money, and energy is put behind each area.

Resolutions Committee Recommendations

#	Resolution Title	Committee Recommendation
1	Creating an Easier Appeals Process for Corrections to the Public Waters Inventory	Passed Support
2	Limiting Wake Boat Activities that Directly Cause Shoreline Erosion and Spread Aquatic Invasive Species	Passed Oppose – voted down Dec 2019
3	Banning the Use of Carcinogenic Pesticides and Herbicides on Residential and Commercial Lawns	Failed Oppose – voted down Dec 2019
4	Requiring Soil Health Goals in Watershed Management Plans and Ten-Year Plan Amendments	Passed Oppose – one size doesn’t fit all
5	Limiting Excessive Use of Groundwater for the Purpose of Watering Urban and Suburban Landscapes During the Summer Months	Failed Oppose – one size doesn’t fit all
6	Permitting Water Storage on Wetlands Controlled by the DNR During Major Flood Events	Passed Support
7	Watershed Districts Agriculture Drainage Bond Funding	Support
8	Watershed Based Implementation Funding through Coordinated Comprehensive Watershed Plans	Support