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Subject: Comment: Ranier Safe Harbor/Transient Dock/Marina Phase 2, 2022-165. July 27, 2021
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RE: Minnesota Constitution Art. XI, Sec. 14. ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES FUND. A permanent environment and natural resources trust fund is established in the state treasury. Loans may be made of up to five percent of the principal of the fund for water system improvements as provided by law. The assets of the fund shall be appropriated by law for the public purpose of protection, conservation, preservation, and enhancement of the state's air, water, land, fish, wildlife, and other natural resources.

G. Land acquisition

LCCMR Commissioners;

I would like to express my opinion regarding the :
Proposed ID:2022-165
Proposal Title: Ranier Safe Harbor/Transient Dock Phase 2

The proposal is clearly an economic development project for overnight use to include houseboats and a sewer system for their use. It is to be built off an existing City Dock and boat landing area. It does not meet the intent of Sec. 14, nor necessary land acquisition criteria. The Marina project has been put forth by a City group of 'commercial interests'. There has not been adequate public information nor public input to claim this project will benefit or meet approval of the residents and taxpayers of the City [Village] of Ranier. The massive structure in the small bay at Ranier will dominate the bay, ruin the Lake viewshed and will not by any means serve to protect, conserve, preserve or enhance the natural resources or the environment of the area. The pier is not needed as a break water or for ice protection. ***This proposal should not be funded. It does not meet the fiduciary requirements of Sec. 14.***

The City of Ranier has already been awarded \$762,000 [2021 283-G] to fund initial engineering and building of the existing City dock extension / Marina proposal. While there appears to be general desire in the community for an extension of the existing dock for local and transient use [lasting only for a short time], there is little knowledge of the proposed massive 278 ft x 150ft overnight or longer marina project. The already granted \$762,000 would likely be sufficient to fund an adequate minimal City dock extension for day visitors. Taxpayers will not want to pick up maintenance and activity enforcement costs of a marina. The City already has difficulty keeping its existing roads in good condition.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely

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