

RESOLUTION NO. 96-15

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEXINGTON, NEBRASKA, AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and the Nebraska Water Conservation Cooperative (the Coalition), are considering the adoption of a proposed Platte River instream flow settlement, and

WHEREAS, the proposed settlement strikes a fair balance between competing uses for fish and wildlife and Nebraska's health, safety and economic well-being, and

WHEREAS, the proposed settlement provides reasonable flows for fish and wildlife habitat protection by providing more than 95% of the optimum habitat for fish and more than 88% of the optimum habitat for whooping cranes, and

WHEREAS, the proposed settlement provides for a joint study of wet meadow management and for the implementation of innovative methods of maintaining and restoring wet meadows, and

WHEREAS, the proposed settlement makes provisions for future public water supplies, including the ability for municipalities to obtain future water supplies from well fields and surface water appropriations for recharge of their wells, and

WHEREAS, the proposed settlement makes provisions for small uses of water such as livestock ponds, erosion control dams and small flood control structures in the Platte basin, and

WHEREAS, the proposed settlement allows for the review of water uses and policies related to this instream flow every 10 years or when an industry's water right denial on the basis of insufficient supply is appealed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Lexington supports and encourages the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and the Coalition members to approve and implement this proposed settlement as being in the best interest of the State of Nebraska.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 11th day of May, 1996.

CITY OF LEXINGTON

by Robert L. Hawks
Robert Hawks; Mayor



Leon E. Malzahn
Leon E. Malzahn City Clerk