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CELERY POND PROPERTY DONATION & CONSERVATION AGREEMENT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – (South Haven, Michigan) At the Monday, December 17, 2012 regular meeting, the City Council approved two actions related to property located within the Celery Pond. The Council approved acceptance of a donation of nearly 12 acres of Celery Pond property from Mid-West Family Broadcasting, owner of COSY Radio in South Haven. COSY had previously used the property as the location of its AM radio towers. However, this past year, COSY removed the antennae equipment and decided to donate the land to allow the property to be preserved as a wetland. Mr. Gayle Olson, Mid-West Family Broadcasting President, noted that, "COSY Radio is happy to provide this donation to the City of South Haven so that its citizens and visitors may enjoy the Celery Pond's natural beauty for many generations to come. It's clear that public sentiment supports preservation of the Celery Pond. We're pleased to help make that possible."

In addition to the property donation acceptance, the Council approved a restrictive covenant agreement with the Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy to ensure the Celery Pond is preserved and protected. The covenant is permanent and recorded to the deed. Mr. Peter Ter Louw, Executive Director of the Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy, expressed that "the Southwest Land Conservation Conservancy is pleased to participate in this collaborative effort to protect this beloved natural area in the heart of South Haven. The conservation of these natural area wetland jewels that provide wildlife habitat and protect the waters of Lake Michigan, are the kinds of projects that are at the core SWMLC's mission and work."

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