

**ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE
COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 22, 2012 – BOARD AGENDA**

EMERGENCY MEETING

- 8:30** 1) **J. Mark Wedel, County Board Chairperson**
 A) **Call to Order**
 B) **Board of Commissioners Meeting Procedure**
 C) **Approval of Agenda**
- 2) **Scott Turner, Sheriff**
 A) **Adopt Resolution – Declaring a Local Emergency**
- 9:00** **Adjourn**

* Comments from visitors must be informational in nature and not exceed five (5) minutes per person. The County Board cannot engage in a discussion or debate in those five minutes but will take the information and find answers if that is appropriate. As part of the County Board protocol, it is unacceptable for any speaker to slander or engage in character assassination at a public Board meeting.

**** Please note: all times, except public advertised hearings, are approximate and subject to change without notice.**

Aitkin County Board of Commissioners
Request for County Board Action/Agenda Item Cover Sheet



To: Chairperson, Aitkin County Board of Commissioners Date: 6-21-22

Via: Patrick Wussow, County Administrator

From: Scott Turner, Sheriff

Title of Item:

Request Local Emergency Declaration

Requested Meeting Date: 6-22-12 Estimated Presentation Time: 15 – 30 min.

Presenter: Scott Turner, Sheriff

Type of Action Requested (check all that apply)

- For info only, no action requested
- For discussion only with possible future action
- Let/Award Bid or Quote (attach copy of basic bid/quote specs or summary of complex specs, each bid/quote received & bid/quote comparison)
- Approve/adopt proposal by motion
- Authorize filling vacant staff position
- Request to schedule public hearing or sale
- Request by member of the public to be heard
- Item should be addressed in closed session under MN Statute _____
- Approve under Consent Agenda
- Adopt Ordinance Revision
- Approve/adopt proposal by resolution (attach draft resolution)
- Other (please list) _____

Fiscal Impact (check all that apply)

- Is this item in the current approved budget? Yes _____ No _____ (attach explanation)
- What type of expenditure is this? Operating Capital Other (attach explanation)
- Revenue line account # that funds this item is: _____
- Expenditure line account # for this item is: _____

Staffing Impact (Any yes answer requires a review by Human Resources Manager before going to the board)

- Duties of a department employee(s) may be materially affected. Yes No
- Applicable job description(s) may require revision. Yes No
- Item may impact a bargaining unit agreement or county work policy. Yes No
- Item may change the department's authorized staffing level. Yes No



Supporting Attachment(s)

- Memorandum Summary of Item
- Copy of applicable county policy and/or ordinance (excerpts acceptable)
- Copy of applicable state/federal statute/regulation (excerpts acceptable)
- Copy of applicable contract and/or agreement
- Original bid spec or quote request (excluding complex construction projects)
- Bids/quotes received (excluding complex construction projects, provide comparison worksheet)
- Bid/quote comparison worksheet
- Draft County Board resolution
- Plat approval check-list and supporting documents
- Copy of previous minutes related to this issue
- Other supporting document(s) (please list) _____

Provide (1) copy of supporting documentation NO LATER THAN Wednesday at Noon to make the Board's agenda for the following Tuesday. (If your packet contains colored copies, please provide (4) paper copies of supporting documentation as we do not have a color printer or copier.) Items WILL NOT be placed on the Board agenda unless complete documentation is provided for the Board packets.

SCOTT A. TURNER
SHERIFF OF AITKIN COUNTY

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Aitkin, MN 56431

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June 21, 2012

Mr. Mark Wedel
Chair, Aitkin County Board of Commissioners
217 2nd St. N.W., Room 134
Aitkin, MN 56431

Dear Commissioner Wedel:

The heavy rains that occurred in Aitkin County between June 17th and June 20th, 2012, have had a severe and negative impact on the citizens of Aitkin County. Numerous public roads, including state, county and township, have been significantly damaged and have greatly impacted the ability to deliver services to the citizens of Aitkin County.

To complicate the matter even further, the significant rains of June 17th through June 20, 2012, have contributed to the flooding of the Mississippi River which will continue to worsen – further damaging the public roads and further impacting the citizens of Aitkin County.

As the appointed Emergency Management Director for Aitkin County Minnesota, I am hereby requesting a Local Emergency Declaration. Your declaration would be good for 72 hours, during which time the entire county board could entertain the decision to lengthen this declaration for a 30-day duration.

I have enclosed a prepared resolution for the Aitkin County Board to consider.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call.

Respectfully,



Scott A. Turner, Sheriff
Aitkin County

Enclosure

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June 22, 2012

Flood Update

The road closures due to the heavy rainfall earlier this week are being addressed as quickly as possible. It is anticipated that some of the closures of county roads will be open by this weekend.

The focus is now on problems associated with the flooding due to the rising Mississippi River. National Weather Service predictions call for a crest of the Mississippi at Aitkin to occur sometime Sunday morning at a height of 20.5. As of 6:00 a.m. this morning, the height of the river at Aitkin was at 17.27 feet.

The 20.5 feet on the Mississippi River at Aitkin corresponds with the 100 year flood height of 1203 feet above sea level.

Aitkin County Emergency Management continues to make sand bags available to residents who wish to undertake sandbagging operations. We encourage all who think this may be something they will do to make arrangements to have a contractor bring sand to their location as soon as possible.

As the Mississippi continues to rise, additional roads will be impacted by the rising waters. Once again we want to advise people not to drive in flood-prone areas at night due to the potential of encountering a washout that has not yet been reported and marked. People are also advised not to drive through flooded areas as the water could conceal a washout.

Big Sandy Lake is rising rapidly and according to the Army Corp of Engineers is expected to crest between 1220 and 1221 feet. The normal summer pool depth is 1216.31 feet. The level as of 6:00 a.m. this morning was at 1219.64 feet

For flood related information and links to additional information go to the Aitkin County website at: <http://www.co.aitkin.mn.us/>

Scott Turner

From: John Welle [jwelle@co.aitkin.mn.us]
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2012 7:54 AM
To: 'Patrick Wussow'; 'Scott Turner'; 'Aitkin City Hall'; 'Tom Burke'; Cynthia Bennett; 'Marcotte, Anne'; brian.napstad@co.aitkin.mn.us; 'Niemi, Don'; mark.wedel@co.aitkin.mn.us; laurie.westerlund@co.aitkin.mn.us; ben.mowers@co.aitkin.mn.us; deb.hamilton@co.aitkin.mn.us; jeannie.croatt@co.aitkin.mn.us; jen.rikala@co.aitkin.mn.us; jen.twombly@co.aitkin.mn.us; jswensen@co.aitkin.mn.us; kwhite@co.aitkin.mn.us; steve.moreland@co.aitkin.mn.us; tom.fistere@co.aitkin.mn.us
Subject: RE: Flood Update
Attachments: 3982_001.pdf

Attached is our most current listing of flood-impacted roads.

Note that County Road 6 has been reopened to traffic as of 5:00 pm yesterday. Crews will be working to re-open washed out areas on County Road 3 and County Road 13 today.

The report from MnDOT is that water is not yet dropping on the closed areas of State Highway 210 between McGregor and Tamarack and State Highway 65 south of McGregor. It appears nearly certain that these road closures will remain in effect into next week. State Highway 65 north of McGregor is becoming a concern as water continues to rise at the Sandy River crossing. State Highway 200 between Hill City and Jacobson was closed to traffic yesterday due to a washed out culvert.

Contrary to the information I provided yesterday, the water has receded on US Hwy 169 at County Road 3, so Hwy 169 did not go under water in this area as anticipated. However, the water at the Rice River and Sissabagamah crossings south of Hassman corner on US Hwy 169 continues to rise. MnDOT will be inspecting those bridges today with anticipated bridge and road closures in the near future if the water continues to rise.

John

From: John Welle [mailto:jwelle@co.aitkin.mn.us]
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 2:22 PM
To: 'Patrick Wussow'; 'Scott Turner'; 'Aitkin City Hall'; 'Tom Burke'; Cynthia Bennett (cynthia.bennett@co.aitkin.mn.us); 'Marcotte, Anne'; 'Napstad, Brian (brian.napstad@co.aitkin.mn.us'; 'Niemi, Don'; 'Wedel, Mark (mark.wedel@co.aitkin.mn.us'; 'Westerlund, Laurie (laurie.westerlund@co.aitkin.mn.us'; 'Ben Mowers (ben.mowers@co.aitkin.mn.us'; 'Deb Hamilton (deb.hamilton@co.aitkin.mn.us'; 'Jeannie Croatt (jeannie.croatt@co.aitkin.mn.us'; 'Jen Rikala (jen.rikala@co.aitkin.mn.us'; 'Jen Twombly (jen.twombly@co.aitkin.mn.us'; 'Jeremy Swensen (jswensen@co.aitkin.mn.us'; 'Karla White (kwhite@co.aitkin.mn.us'; 'Steve Moreland (steve.moreland@co.aitkin.mn.us'; 'Tom Fistere (tom.fistere@co.aitkin.mn.us'
Subject: FW: Flood Update

As requested at this morning's meeting, following is the flooding update that was sent earlier today. Also attached is our current listing of impacted areas.

The County Road 12 road closure 1 mile south of State Highway 47 is open as of 11:00 am today. Please note that there is one remaining closure on County Road 12 located 2 miles west of State Highway 47 in Glen.

Crews are currently working to repair the County Road 6 washout. I will let you know when it is re-opened hopefully later today.

US Hwy 169 at County Road 3 is starting to go under water. By evening, the entire road may be covered and is anticipated that the depth of water on the road will continue to increase as the Mississippi River stage increases. I am in contact with MNDOT-Baxter and will keep you informed as changes are made. I anticipate they will continue to route US Hwy 169 through this area until the water gets too deep and/or fast moving. That could happen as early as tomorrow based on the NWS projections.

Speaking of the NWS, they did not lower the projected peak stage for Aitkin and continue to emphasize that we need to be prepared for a 20.5 peak stage.

John

From: John Welle [<mailto:jwelle@co.aitkin.mn.us>]
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 8:02 AM
To: 'Marcotte, Anne'; 'Napstad, Brian (brian.napstad@co.aitkin.mn.us)'; 'Niemi, Don'; 'Wedel, Mark (mark.wedel@co.aitkin.mn.us)'; 'Westerlund, Laurie (laurie.westerlund@co.aitkin.mn.us)'
Cc: 'Patrick Wussow'; 'Scott Turner'
Subject: Flood Update

As of now, we have 11 locations on County Roads where the road/culvert has been washed out and the road is therefore closed. These closures are on portions of CSAH 3, 6, 13, 30, 36, and CR 64 in the McGregor area, CSAH 5 in the Palisade area, CSAH 34 in the Arthyde area, and portions of CSAH 12, and 54 in the Aitkin area. In addition, we have numerous other roads that are still underwater. The website link contains more information on the specific areas that are affected. In addition, the website link to the statewide road closure map gives a graphical picture of the closures. MnDOT's closures on this map are not up-to-date, however.

We are anticipating that we will be able to get most of the 11 closures re-opened by this Friday or Saturday. Our focus will be getting them opened to traffic, with more extensive work being done within the coming weeks. At this time we anticipate all of the closures on the major roads to be opened by Saturday. These include closures on CSAH 3, 6, 12 and 13.

We currently have residents on CSAH 30 and CR 64 in the Tamarack area that have no access to their residence because the road in both directions is closed. CR 64 is the worst because of the Tamarack River crossings. In addition, I'm sure there are many residents on township roads that will have no access until the water drops.

The Mississippi River stage at Aitkin is currently 16.5, which is below the projection of 18.0 based on yesterday's prediction. The predicted crest is still 20.5 and if that happens we will have additional road closures in the Aitkin area. I will be talking to NWS and Army Corps today to try to get a better read on whether or not we will achieve that crest.

TH 210 is currently closed between McGregor and Tamarack with traffic being detoured onto CSAH 6, 40, and 14. TH 65 is currently closed between McGregor and County Road 4 with traffic being detoured onto CSAH 4. Although MnDOT has not given a timeframe for these closures to re-open, I anticipate TH 65 being closed beyond a week as there is extensive pavement repair that will be needed when the water drops. TH 210 doesn't appear to have sustained as much damage, so it will hopefully be opened sooner, although that may not be before next week also. With I35 and TH 73 both closed, much of the north-south traffic through the northeast region of the state is being routed on US Hwy 169 thru Aitkin. If the Mississippi River gets as high as projected, US Hwy 169 will also close at some point at the Rice River crossing with traffic needing to be detoured even further west.

I am working to obtain damage cost estimates and will provide that information when it is available.

Let me know if you have questions.

John

Aitkin County Roads affected by Flooding

6:30 am

June 22, 2012

Due to recent heavy rainfall, the following County Roads in Aitkin County are closed due to wash-outs or high water until further notice.

Closures due to washed-out roadbeds/culverts

1. County Road 3 (old State Highway 232) near the State Highway 65 intersection, located north of McGregor
2. County Road 6 approximately 3 miles east of State Highway 65 located north of McGregor – opened as of 5:00 pm 6-21-12
3. County Road 12 approximately 1 mile south of the State Highway 47 intersection, located south of Aitkin – opened as of 10:30 am 6-21-12
4. County Road 12 approximately 2 miles west of the State Highway 47 intersection in Glen
5. County Road 13 in multiple areas approximately 0.5-2 miles east of State Highway 65 located south of McGregor
6. County Road 19 in multiple areas approximately 2 miles west of County Road 29 located west of Swatara – opened as of 7:00 pm 6-20-12
7. County Road 30 in multiple areas approximately 3-3.5 miles west of State Highway 65 located south of McGregor
8. County Road 36 approximately 3 miles northwest of County Road 14 located north of McGregor

Closures due to high water on the road


1. County Road 5 approximately 5 miles north of County Road 3 located north of Palisade
2. County Road 10 from US Hwy 169 to 1 mile north
3. County Road 30 approximately 5 miles west of State Highway 65
4. County Road 34 approximately 3 miles north of County Road 2 located north of Arthyde
5. County Road 54 approximately 1 mile north of State Highway 210 located north of Aitkin
6. County Road 64 approximately 3 miles west of County Road 14 located north of McGregor
7. County Road 67 at County Road 20 located west of Hill City

In addition, numerous additional road segments contain areas that are under water or have water on the shoulders. Items with strikethrough line indicate segments where the water has receded and is no longer on the road surface

1. County Road 1 from County Road 22 to County Road 3
2. County Road 3 at the US Hwy 169 intersection
3. County Road 5 from County Road 53 to State Highway 210

4. County Road 10 from US Hwy 169 to County Road 3
5. County Road 13 from State Highway 65 to County Road 16
6. County Road 16 from County Road 13 to State Highway 210
7. County Road 18 from US Hwy 169 to County Road 10
8. County Road 19 from County Road 29 to the Cass County Line
9. County Road 20 from County Road 19 to the Cass County Line
10. County Road 21 from County Road 1 to US Hwy 169
11. County Road 27 from County Road 13 to State Highway 27
12. County Road 29 from County Road 3 to State Highway 210
13. County Road 32 from County Road 6 to County Road 31
14. County Road 36 from State Highway 65 to County Road 14
15. County Road 53 from County Road 4 to County Road 5
16. County Road 54 from County Road 1 to US Hwy 169
17. County Road 56 from US Hwy 169 to County Road 5
18. County Road 57 from State Highway 65 to State Highway 27
19. County Road 62 from State Highway 210 to County Road 3
20. County Road 64 from County Road 14 to County Road 32
21. County Road 65 from State Highway 65 to County Road 36
22. County Road 67 from County Road 20 to County Road 29
23. County Road 68 from County Road 29 to US Hwy 169
24. County Road 73 from State Highway 210 to County Road 6
25. County Road 74 west of US Hwy 169 located west of Hill City
26. County Road 75 from State Highway 210 to the Pine County line

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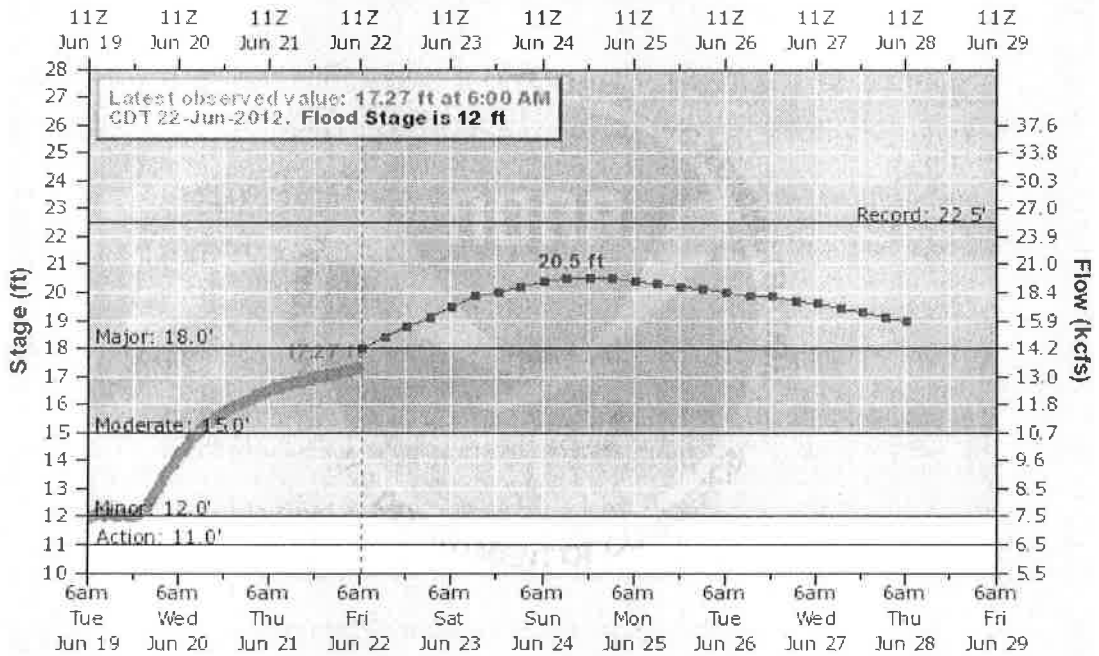
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Observations courtesy of



MISSISSIPPI RIVER NEAR AITKIN Universal Time (UTC)



----- Graph Created (6:41AM Jun 22, 2012) -◆- Observed -■- Forecast (issued 9:56AM Jun 21)



ATKM5(plotting HGIRG) "Gage 0" Datum: 1182.41'

Observations courtesy of US Geological Survey

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NOTE: Forecasts for the Mississippi River near Aitkin are issued as needed during times of high water, but are not routinely available.

Default Hydrograph

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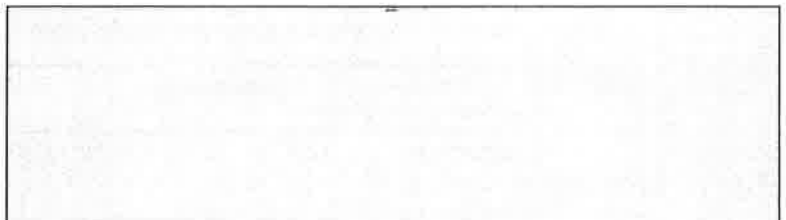
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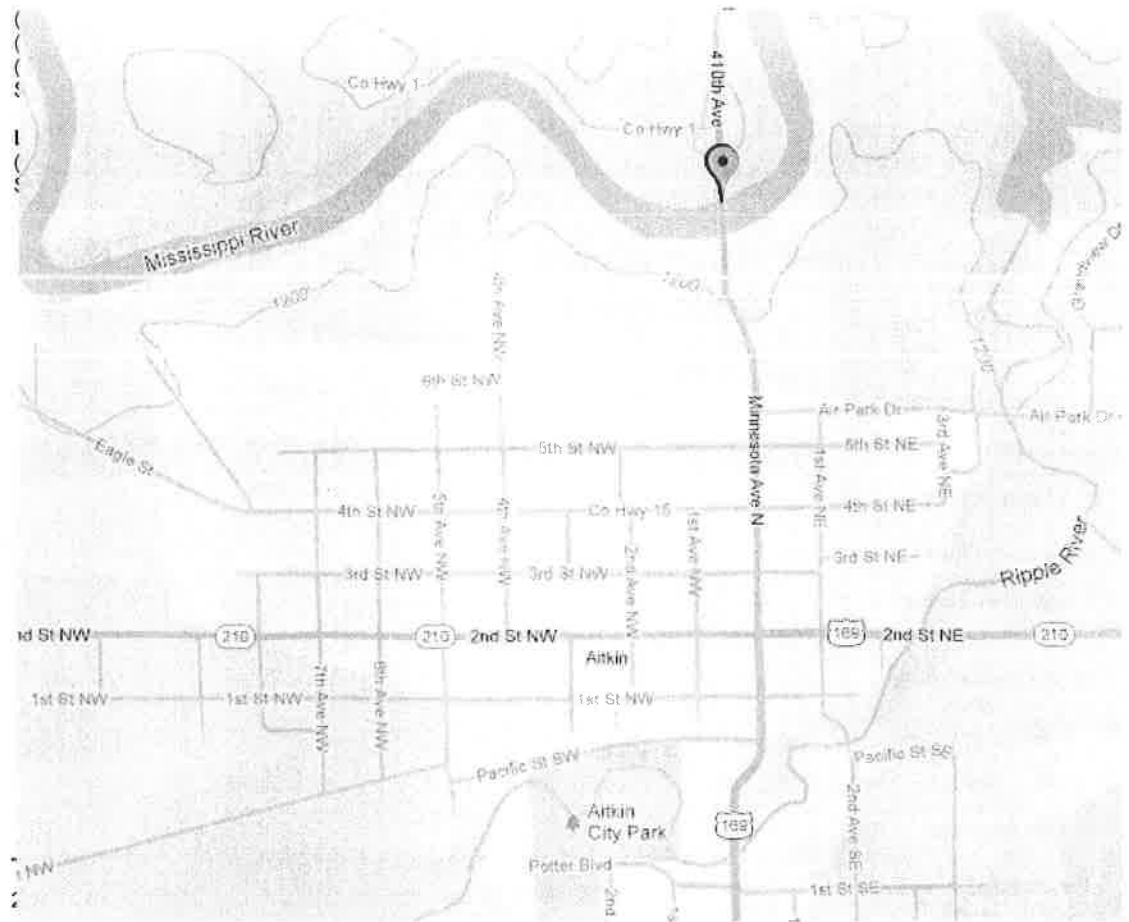
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- Flood Categories (in feet)**
- Major Flood Stage: 18
 - Moderate Flood Stage: 15
 - Flood Stage: 12
 - Action Stage: 11

Historical Crests

- (1) 22.49 ft on 05/20/1950
- (2) 19.50 ft on 07/06/1905





- 25 THE TRANSFORMER STATION BECOMES INOPERABLE.
- 23.5 THE POWER AND WATER PLANTS IN AITKIN BECOME INOPERATIVE.
- 21 THE POWER PLANT AT AITKIN NEEDS EMERGENCY PROTECTION.
- 20.5 PORTIONS OF HIGHWAY 169 NORTH OF AITKIN BECOME IMPASSABLE.
- 19 THE TRANSFORMER STATION NEEDS EMERGENCY PROTECTION.
- 18 THE AITKIN SEWAGE PLANT BECOMES INOPERATIVE.
- 17 PUMPING BEGINS AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT.
- 15 MINOR FLOODING OF LOW LYING AREAS OCCURS IN AITKIN.
- 13 SOME ROADS ARE COVERED WITH WATER.
- 12 MINOR FLOODING OF FARMLAND OCCURS.

About This Location



Latitude: 46.540556° N, Longitude: 93.707222° W, Horizontal Datum: NAD83/WGS84

River Stage Reference Frame	Gauge Height	Flood Stage	Uses
NWS stage	0 ft	12 ft	Interpreting hydrographs and NWS watch, warnings, and forecasts, and inundation maps



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Corps of Engineers' reservoirs rising rapidly, caution urged near water

2012-069; June 20, 2012

ST. PAUL, Minn.--The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District, expects reservoirs in northern Minnesota to rise due to the recent rain within the region and advises residents to use caution around the water.



Corps' staff is monitoring the situation on the reservoirs and making necessary adjustments to reduce the flood risks to local communities. The Corps encourages property owners to move any boat lifts, docks, etc., to higher ground.

Status of the Corps' reservoirs:

Big Sandy Lake,

located just north of McGregor, Minn., will rise 2 to 3 feet in the next few days. The area received 5 inches of rain from June 19 to June 20. The lake elevation is expected to reach somewhere between 1,220 and 1,221 feet. On June 5, Sandy crested just below 1,219 feet.

Pokegama Lake,

near Grand Rapids, Minn., rose more than 0.7 feet from yesterday and continues to rise. It is currently 0.8 feet above the center of the summer operating level and is expected to rise an additional 2 to 3 feet. The current elevation is 1,274.2 feet. The area received 3.85 inches of rain from June 19 to 20. The National Weather Service issued flood warnings in Aitkin, Minn., with a forecasted crest of 20.5 feet on Saturday, June 23.

Pokegama Lake is a flood control reservoir and is now being operated in order to provide flood control storage for downstream needs. What this means is that the current from the dam is being decreased to alleviate some downstream flooding. As the flow is decreased, the lake level will continue to rise. It is very possible the reservoir could rise to between elevation 1,276 and 1,277 feet during the next several days.

Gull Lake,

located 10 miles northwest of Brainerd, Minn., is currently at elevation 1,194.4 feet with the dam open. The area received 2.96 inches in the last three days. On May 30, the lake crested at elevation 1,195.09 feet in response to an 8 inch rainfall. The Corps

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is monitoring the level and will adjust the dam's water releases as needed, but the lake is not expected to rise to the level experienced on May 30.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District, serves the American public in the areas of environmental enhancement, navigation, flood damage reduction, water and wetlands regulation, recreation sites and disaster response. It contributes around \$175 million to the five-state district economy. The 700 employees work at more than 40 sites in five upper-Midwest states. For more information, see www.mvp.usace.army.mil.

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Big Sandy Lake near McGregor MN

Gage Zero: 1200.00 Ft. NGVD29 Longitude: -93.31944444
Latitude: 46.78888889
River Mile: 0.5

Location of Gage :

Big Sandy Lake near McGregor MN

Latest Data 06/22/2012 06:00 Central	Daily Historic Data (08:00 Central Reading)
Latest Stage: 19.64 Ft.	Choose A Parameter
24 Hr. Change: +1.27 Ft.	From JAN 1 2012
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CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION OF COUNTY BOARD OF AITKIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

ADOPTED June 22, 2012

By Commissioner: xx

062212-0xx

Declaring a Local Emergency

WHEREAS, the heavy rainfall impacted the population of Aitkin County and its cities, and

WHEREAS, the June 17 through June 20, 2012 event has caused a significant amount of public property damage, and

WHEREAS, the Aitkin County Department of Emergency Management requests the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners to declare a LOCAL EMERGENCY for Aitkin County; for the heavy rainfall event of June 17 through June 20, 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Aitkin County Board of commissioners declares a Local Emergency for Aitkin County in response to the conditions resulting from the heavy rainfall event of June 17 through June 20, 2012.

Commissioner xx moved the adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote

FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT

All Members Voting Yes

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
County of Aitkin) ss.
Office of County Auditor,)

I, Kirk Peysar, Auditor, of the County of Aitkin, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in my office on the 22nd day of June A.D., 2012, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE at Aitkin, Minnesota, this 22nd day of June A.D., 2012

KIRK PEYSAR, County Auditor

BY _____, Deputy

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MEMO

TO: Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

DATE: June 22, 2012

FROM: Sheriff Scott Turner

RE: Slow No-Wake Zone

Due to extraordinary weather conditions, including excessive rainfall and a flooding Mississippi River system in Aitkin County during the last few weeks, record high water elevations prevail on many of the County's lakes. Wave action from wind and watercraft has exacerbated shoreline erosion and caused damage to real and personal property. High water levels coupled with increased wave action had led to the inundation of low-lying yards and structures. In an effort to protect property and limit damage from shoreline erosion I am proposing that the board take action pursuant to county ordinance and place a temporary restriction of "slow no-wake" on all Aitkin county lakes for a period of time.

I have been asked by a number of constituents, living on a number of different lakes for the county to take this step.