

AITKIN COUNTY BOARD - EMERGENCY MTG

June 22, 2012

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 22nd day of June, 2012 at 8:31 a.m. with the following members present: Chairperson J. Mark Wedel, Commissioners Laurie Westerlund, Don Niemi, Brian Napstad, Anne Marcotte, County Administrator Patrick Wussow, and Administrative Assistant Sue Bingham.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to approve the June 22, 2012 agenda.

**APPROVED
AGENDA**

Scott Turner, Sheriff discussed with the Board the recent heavy rains and gave updates on Aitkin County flooding issues, and subsequent high lake levels.

FLOODING

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – Declaring a Local Emergency:

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

**RESOLUTION
062212-061
DECLARING A
LOCAL
EMERGENCY**

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.

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Westerlund, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting yes to approve resolution – Temporary Aitkin County Lakes Slow-No Wake Zone:

WHEREAS, due to extraordinary weather conditions, including excessive rainfall during June of 2012, record high water elevations prevail on all Aitkin County lakes, and

**RESOLUTION
062212-062
TEMPORARY
AITKIN COUNTY
LAKES SLOW-
NO WAKE ZONE**

WHEREAS, wave action from wind and watercraft has and will exacerbate shoreline erosion and cause damage to real and personal property, and

WHEREAS, high water levels coupled with increased wave action have led to the inundation of low-lying yards and structures, and

WHEREAS, in an effort to protect property and limit environmental damage to lakes from shoreline erosion where the County can and may exert some control, the County Board of Commissioners enacts this 22nd day of June, 2012, the following Temporary Special Controls to Section 5 Regulations of the Watercraft Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that no person shall operate a watercraft at greater

than slow-no wake speed on the following:

- i. All lakes in Aitkin County, with the exception of Mille Lacs Lake.

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried, all members voting to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

ADJOURN

J. Mark Wedel, Chairperson
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

Patrick Wussow, County Administrator