

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



To: Chairperson, Aitkin County Board of Commissioners Date: 2-4-13
Via: Patrick Wussow, County Administrator
From: John Welle
Title of Item: Authorize Sale of Wetland Replacement Credits

Requested Meeting Date: 2-12-13 Estimated Presentation Time: 15 minutes
Presenter: John Welle

Type of Action Requested (check all that apply)

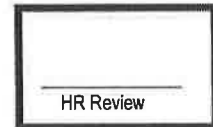
- For info only, no action requested Approve under Routine Business
- For discussion only with possible future action Adopt Ordinance Revision
- Let/Award Bid or Quote (attach copy of basic bid/quote specs or summary of complex specs, each bid/quote received & bid/quote comparison)
- Approve/adopt proposal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

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) _____

AITKIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S MEMO

TO: Aitkin County Commissioners
Patrick Wussow, County Administrator

FROM: John Welle

DATE: February 5, 2013

Regular Agenda Item:
Authorize Sale of Wetland Replacement Credits

Summary:

In May, 1995, the Aitkin County Highway Department acquired 120 acres of drained farmland in Section 30 of Fleming Township. The purpose of the acquisition was to restore wetlands for wetland mitigation needed to replace impacts from highway construction. 75 acres of wetland was subsequently restored in the following years and 7.54 acres of the restored area was used to fulfill wetland mitigation requirements on several projects. In the late 1990's, however, wetland replacement for county highway projects became a Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources responsibility, so 67.56 acres of wetland restoration remain to be utilized at this site.

Since we are no longer in need of this large acreage of wetland restoration, and due to demand for wetland replacement credits, I am requesting authorization by resolution to offer these credits for sale on the open market for a price of \$0.45 per square foot.

Resolution:

WHEREAS, Aitkin County is the owner of the north half of the southwest quarter, and the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 30, Township 48 North, Range 25 West, and

WHEREAS, this parcel contains 67.56 acres of approved wetland restoration credit that were developed for the purpose of mitigating county highway impacts, and

WHEREAS, due to statutory changes that require the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources to replace county highway wetland impacts, these wetland replacement credits are no longer needed to replace wetland impacts for Aitkin county highway projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Aitkin County Highway Department is hereby authorized to enter into transactions for the sale of wetland credits for project specific wetland mitigation at the price of \$0.45 per square foot.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that proceeds from all sales shall be deposited into the Road and Bridge fund.