

CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION OF COUNTY BOARD OF AITKIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

ADOPTED May 14, 2013

By Commissioner: Westerlund

051413-048

Form LG220 White Pine Riders

BE IT RESOLVED, The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners agrees to approve the Application for Exempt Permit – Form LG220 – of the White Pine Riders, at the following location – Jackson’s Hole, which has an address of 36232 Kestrel Avenue, MN 55760 – Salo Township. (Note: Date of activity for Raffle – July 06, 2013)

Commissioner Marcotte 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 14th day of May A.D., 2013, 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 14th day of May A.D., 2013


KIRK PEYSAR, County Auditor

BY _____, Deputy

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051413-049

Form LG214 Palisade Fire Relief Association

BE IT RESOLVED, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners agrees to approve the following Premises Permit Application - Form LG214, of the Palisade Fire Relief Association, at Minnesota National Golf Course – Workman Township. This establishment has an address of 23247 480th Street, McGregor, MN 55760

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

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051413-050

Worker's Compensation Policy Changes Act

WHEREAS, Aitkin County has concerns with H.F. 1359, the Worker's Compensation Policy Changes Act, and we would ask your support in amending the legislation. The proposed changes to Minnesota Statutes 2012, Section 176.011 subd. 15 could create a significant financial burden that, without the proposed amendments, we will struggle to meet without raising taxes, and

WHEREAS, we request that in subdivision 15(d), the language defining "post-traumatic stress disorder" (PTSD) be amended to include the phrase, "out of extraordinary and unusual conditions as compared to the normal conditions of the employment" to the second sentence of the paragraph. Without this clarification, Aitkin County and the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust, which serves as the joint powers entity that covers our workers' compensation claims, will be unable to predict and prepare for potential PTSD claims. This would force us to pay increased contributions, which would have to be passed on to the taxpayers. It also would open us up to significant financial exposure from those claims, and protracted litigation, forcing us to also pass those costs on to taxpayers in the future, and

WHEREAS, the language, as it currently stands, is unclear and may also require us to be responsible for PTSD that does not stem from a traumatic event that is workplace related, but rather from a personal traumatic event which may be triggered by something normal in the workplace. Without this limitation, we may find ourselves responsible for every kind of trauma, whether work related or not, and

WHEREAS, similarly, at the county level, we perform mandated functions under Minnesota law that private companies do not or cannot perform such as law enforcement, public health, and social services. These employees deal with events that, as part of their job, may seem traumatic to a lay person but are not to them. A sheriff's deputy, for example, will see bodily injury and death in their job. Under the current language, anytime this happens in the normal course of duties, a deputy could potentially claim benefits. Under the proposed changes, the traumatic event would need to be unusual, like the Red Lake school shooting, rather than something expected in the line of duty, and

WHEREAS, finally, the current language is ambiguous as to who would be entitled to benefits. This could cause significant delays or improper denials of benefits as everyone searches for guidance through the courts.

THEREFORE, by adopting our proposed amendment, the law would provide adequate clarity for those charged with providing coverage, and ensure those employees facing extraordinary traumatic events in the workplace are properly protected.

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



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