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



To: Chairperson, Aitkin County Board of Commissioners Date: 9-4-13
Via: Patrick Wussow, County Administrator
From: Patrick Wussow, County Administrator
Title of Item:
Request from Carlton County – Letter of Support
Requested Meeting Date: 9-10-13 Estimated Presentation Time:
Presenter: Patrick Wussow, County Administrator
Type of Action Requested (check all that apply)
For info only, no action requested Approve under Consent Agenda
X For discussion with possible 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 affectedYesNo
Applicable job description(s) may require revisionYes No
Item may impact a bargaining unit agreement or county work policyYesNoHR ReviewHR Review
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Supporting Attachment(s)
<ul> <li>X Memorandum Summary of Item</li> <li>Copy of applicable county policy and/or ordinance (excerpts acceptable)</li> </ul>
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
X_ Other supporting document(s) (please list)

Provide (1) copy of supporting documentation <u>NO LATER THAN Wednesday at Noon</u> 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 <u>WILL NOT</u> be placed on the Board agenda unless complete documentation is provided for the Board packets.

## AITKIN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

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TO:

**Aitkin County Board of Commissioners** 

FROM:

Patrick Wussow, Aitkin County Administrator

RE:

**Request from Carlton County – Letter of Support** 

DATE:

September 5, 2013

Attached is a request from Carlton County to encourage Enbridge to utilize the Soo Line as a possible alternative for the proposed Sandpiper Pipeline.

From: Greg Bernu [mailto:Greg.Bernu@co.carlton.mn.us]

Sent: Wednesday, September 04, 2013 3:17 PM

**To:** 'robert.yochum@co.cass.mn.us'; 'pwussow@co.aitkin.mn.us'; Jacobs, Mark; 'Josh Stevenson' **Cc:** Paul Gassert; Thom Pertler; Dennis Genereau; 'commishkabob@mediacombb.net'; Commissioner Brenner; Commissioner Tom Proulx; 'mbodie@cpinternet.com'; 'Gary Peterson'; Mark Westphal; Lynn Kielty

Subject: Letters of support, Enbridge energy and Soo Line Trail

Dear Mssrs. Yochum and Wussow,

Please find attached letters for your respective County Boards from the Carlton County Board pursuant to action at our Committee of the Whole meeting last night. The two DOC PDF's are letters to each of your boards asking support to Carlton County as we first thank Enbridge for sighting the Sandpiper Pipeline in our respective counties and secondly, having Enbridge sight the pipeline within the Soo Line Trail Right of Way.

The second PDF is a sample letter to be sent to Enbridge from three, united counties again first thanking Enbridge for sighting the Sandpiper in our Counties and secondly, strongly consider as a viable route, the Soo Line Right of Way. This letter will be sent from each county on your letterhead to Enbridge after formal board action. Please chop and paste and cut to make it work for you.

The Carlton County Board thanks you for considering supporting our relations with Enbridge and having Enbridge take a real, serious look, both financially and socially, at using the Soo Line Trail as the route for the Sandpiper. Rest assured, that the Carlton County Board will not consider Enbridge's non-use of the Soo Line as a make or break deal. Bottom line is we want the pipeline in Carlton County.

Please feel free to contact me at anytime with questions.

Greg

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September 4, 2013

Aitkin County Board of Commissioners c/o Patrick Wussow, Aitkin County Administrator 209 2nd St NW, Room 206 Aitkin, MN 56431

Dear Mr. Wussow,

Members of the Carlton County Board of Commissioners have a strong interest in keeping the Sandpiper Pipeline located in Carlton County. The Board recognizes that energy needs by the American public will continue to increase and that sources of energy created and transported within the borders of the US lower our dependence on foreign sources of energy, provide jobs for Americans and keep our men and women in uniform at home. Member of the Board have attended public hearings held by Enbridge Energy, taken public comment at Committee-of-the-Whole and Regular Board meetings, and many personal calls from concerned citizens regarding the placement of the Sandpiper Pipeline.

Based on the realities of energy needs in this country, information presented by Enbridge Energy and concerns from the citizenry, the Carlton County Board of Commissioners asks the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners to co-sign a letter to Enbridge Energy, first thanking Enbridge Energy for sighting the Sandpiper Pipeline in our counties and secondly, having Enbridge Energy strongly consider the Soo Line Trail through our counties as a viable option to place the pipeline.

Sincerely,

Robert Olean

Chair, Carlton County Board of Commissioners

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Cass County Board of Commissioners c/o Robert Yochum, Cass County Administrator PO Box 3000 Walker, MN 56484

Dear Mr. Yochum,

Members of the Carlton County Board of Commissioners have a strong interest in keeping the Sandpiper Pipeline located in Carlton County. The Board recognizes that energy needs by the American public will continue to increase and that sources of energy created and transported within the borders of the US lower our dependence on foreign sources of energy, provide jobs for Americans and keep our men and women in uniform at home. Member of the Board have attended public hearings held by Enbridge Energy, taken public comment at Committee-of-the-Whole and Regular Board meetings, and many personal calls from concerned citizens regarding the placement of the Sandpiper Pipeline.

Based on the realities of energy needs in this country, information presented by Enbridge Energy and concerns from the citizenry, the Carlton County Board of Commissioners asks the Cass County Board of Commissioners to co-sign a letter to Enbridge Energy, first thanking Enbridge Energy for sighting the Sandpiper Pipeline in our counties and secondly, having Enbridge Energy strongly consider the Soo Line Trail through our counties as a viable option to place the pipeline.

Sincerely,

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September 11, 2013

(name) (title) (address 1) (address 2)

Dear (title)(name),

Members of the Carlton County Board of Commissioners have a strong interest in keeping the Sandpiper Pipeline located in Carlton County. The Board recognizes that energy needs by the American public will continue to increase and that sources of energy created and transported within the borders of the US lower our dependence on foreign sources of energy, provide jobs for Americans and keep our men and women in uniform at home. Member of the Board have attended public hearings held by Enbridge Energy, taken public comment at Committee-of-the-Whole and Regular Board meetings, and many personal calls from concerned citizens regarding the placement of the Sandpiper Pipeline.

Based on the realities of energy needs in this country, information presented by Enbridge Energy and concerns from the citizenry, the Carlton County Board of Commissioners, along with the County Board of Commissioners from Aitkin and Cass Counties in Minnesota, thank Enbridge Energy for sighting the Sandpiper Pipeline in our counties and to have Enbridge Energy strongly consider as a viable option placing the Sandpiper Pipeline within the Soo Line Trail Right of Way through our counties.

Sincerely,

Robert Olean Chair, Carlton County Board of Commissioners

Gregory J Bernu Carlton County Land Commissioner