

By Commissioner: Napstad

121713-097

2014 Liquor Renewals

**BE IT RESOLVED**, The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners agrees to approve the following liquor license for a period from January 1, 2014 thru December 31, 2014:

“ON”, “OFF” and “SUNDAY” Sale:

- Bann's Bar & Café Inc., d/b/a **Bann's Bar & Café** – Shamrock Township  
This establishment has an address of 18870 Goshawk St., McGregor, MN 55760
- Barnacles Resort of MN, Inc., d/b/a **Barnacles** – Wealthwood Township  
This establishment has an address of 36569 State Hwy 18, Aitkin, MN 56431
- Cuddler Enterprises Inc., d/b/a **Big Sand Bar Resort** – Workman Township  
This establishment has an address of 51866 224<sup>th</sup> Place, McGregor, MN 55760
- Big Sandy Lodge & Resort, Inc., d/b/a **Big Sandy Lodge & Resort** – Shamrock Township  
This establishment has an address of 20534 487<sup>th</sup> Street, McGregor, MN 55760
- MacDonald Ent. of Malmo Inc., d/b/a **Castaways** – Lakeside Township  
This establishment has an address of 32360 215<sup>th</sup> Lane, Isle, MN 56342
- Stansberry LLC, d/b/a **Corner Club** – Macville Township  
This establishment has an address of 60967 Highway 169, Hill City, MN 55748
- Denny's Lakeview Inn LLC, d/b/a **Denny's Lakeview Inn** – Glen Township  
This establishment has an address of 33592 300<sup>th</sup> Place, Aitkin, MN 56431
- Eagle Point Lounge Inc., d/b/a **Eagle Point Lounge** – Shamrock Township  
This establishment has an address of 49394 State Highway 65, McGregor, MN 55760
- Fireside Inn Inc., d/b/a **Fireside Inn** – Jevne Township  
This establishment has an address of 415 Meadows Dr., McGregor, MN 55760
- C.A.T.L. Enterprises Inc., d/b/a **Growlers** – Shamrock Township  
This establishment has an address of 19037 Goshawk St., McGregor, MN 55760
- RIPS HLI Inc., d/b/a **Horseshoe Lake Inn** – Shamrock Township  
This establishment has an address of 48493 Lily Avenue, McGregor, MN 55760
- Pepera Properties Inc., d/b/a **Jackson's Hole** – Salo Township  
This establishment has an address of 36232 Kestrel Ave., McGregor, MN 55760
- MacDonald Enterprises Inc., d/b/a **The Landing** – Aitkin Township  
This establishment has an address of 170 Southgate Drive, Aitkin, MN 56431
- Liberty Beach Bar & Café LLC, d/b/a **McGrath Bar & Cafe** – Williams Township  
This establishment has an address of 14072 State Highway 65, McGrath, MN 56350

Big Sandy Golf, Inc., d/b/a **Minnesota National Golf Course** – Workman Township  
This establishment has an address of 23247 480<sup>th</sup> St., McGregor, MN 55760

Phil's Myr Mar Marina Inc., d/b/a **Phil's Myr Mar Marina** – Hazelton Township  
This establishment has an address of 44033 Conifer St., Aitkin, MN 56431

D & G Marklund Inc., d/b/a **Pine Inn** – Malmo Township  
This establishment has an address of 27805 State Highway 47, Aitkin, MN 56431

Dagen, Inc., d/b/a **Player's Sports Bar & Grill** – Hazelton Township  
This establishment has an address of 26838 U.S. Hwy. 169, Aitkin, MN 56431

Red Rock Bar & Grill LLC, d/b/a **Red Rock Bar & Grill** – Shamrock Township  
This establishment has an address of 49463 202<sup>nd</sup> Place, McGregor, MN 55760

Bodway Properties Inc., d/b/a **Prairie River Retreat** – Shamrock Township  
This establishment has an address of 51272 Lake Ave., McGregor, MN 55760

Jacque Saari, d/b/a **Whispering Pines** – Shamrock Township  
This establishment has an address of 16469 Goshawk Street, McGregor, MN 55760

**“OFF” Sale:**

KLOMAR, LLC, d/b/a **Cave Liquors** – Hazelton Township  
This establishment has an address of 22852 US Highway 169, Aitkin, MN 56431

DAM of Aitkin Lakes, Inc., d/b/a **Farm Island Store** – Farm Island Township  
This establishment has an address of 29037 US Highway 169, Aitkin, MN 56431

North Star Liquor of Glen Inc., d/b/a **Glen Store & Grill** – Malmo Township  
This establishment has an address of 31993 280<sup>th</sup> St., Aitkin, MN 56431

Gerald F. Olson, d/b/a **Olson's Mississippi Landing** – Ball Bluff Township  
This establishment has an address of 68298 St. Hwy. 65, Jacobson, MN 55752

TJ's Liquor Inc., d/b/a **TJ's Liquor** – Malmo Township  
This establishment has an address of 22039 321<sup>st</sup> Ave., Aitkin, MN 56431

Minnewawa Partners LLC, d/b/a **Wiley's Sports Shop & Spirits** – Shamrock Township  
This establishment has an address of 46026 State Highway 65, McGregor, MN 55760

**“ON” & “SUNDAY” Sale:**

Zorbaz of Big Sandy Lake, Inc., d/b/a **Big Zandy Zorbaz** – Shamrock Township  
This establishment has an address of 48760 State Highway 65, McGregor, MN 55760

**ON Sale – CLUB:**

VFW 1727, d/b/a **Roberts-Glad Post** – Aitkin Township  
This establishment has an address of 36558 410<sup>th</sup> Ave., Aitkin, MN 56431

**ON Sale – WINE:**

Glen Store & Grill Inc., d/b/a **Glen Grill** – Malmo Township

This establishment has an address of 31993 280<sup>th</sup> St., Aitkin, MN 56431

Frederick & Deborah Dally, d/b/a **The Red Door Resort** – Wealthwood Township

This establishment has an address of 38421 State Highway 18, Aitkin, MN 56431

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

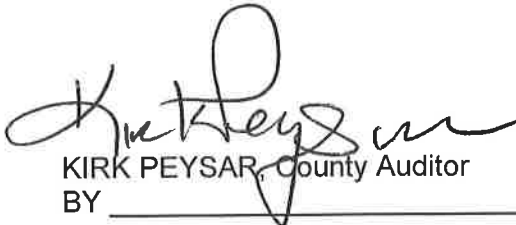
FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT

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 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of December A.D. 2013

  
KIRK PEYSAR, County Auditor

BY \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy

By Commissioner: Niemi

121713-098

2014 Liquor Renewal – Fisherman’s Bay

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners agrees to approve the following liquor license for a period from January 1, 2014 thru December 31, 2014:

“ON”, “OFF” and “SUNDAY” Sale:

N5 Corporation, d/b/a **Fisherman’s Bay** – Workman Township

This establishment has an address of 50933 State Highway 65, McGregor, MN 55760

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

FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT

4-0 (Napstad abstained)

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KIRK PEYSAR, County Auditor  
BY \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy

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ADOPTED December 17, 2013

By Commissioner: Westerlund

121713-099

**2014 ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARIES**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners set the 2014 salaries of Aitkin County Elected Officials at:

County Attorney, Jim Ratz	\$105,684.00
County Sheriff, Scott Turner	\$85,593.88
County Auditor, Kirk Peysar	\$78,199.32
County Treasurer, Lori Grams	\$67,089.03
County Recorder, Diane Lafferty	\$71,243.69

These salaries are based upon responsibilities of the office, duties, skills, qualifications, experience, and performance, and follow non-union compensation guidelines for 2014, including a 1.5% merit increase and \$936 annual increase for each position.

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

FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT

3-2 (Wedel/Niemi)

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ADOPTED December 17, 2013

By Commissioner: Westerlund

**121713-100**

**2013 Ditch Fund Budgets**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners, County of Aitkin, do hereby set the following fund budgets for 2013:

<u>Fund/Account</u>	<u>Fund/Acct</u>	<u>Revenues:</u>	<u>Reserves:</u>	<u>Expenditures:</u>
Judicial Ditch 2	7-350	\$4		\$0
Co Ditch 5	7-353	\$0		\$0
Co Ditch 21	7-365	\$0		\$0
Co Ditch 24	7-351	\$0		\$0
Co Ditch 28	7-356	\$0		\$175
Co Ditch 30	7-352	\$8		\$173
Co Ditch 34	7-357	\$0		\$0
Co Ditch 36	7-358	\$0		\$0
Co Ditch 37	7-359	\$0		\$0
St Ditch 63	7-362	\$10		\$1,523
St Ditch 66	7-363	\$0		\$0
Co Ditch 2	7-367	\$0		\$0
Diversion Channel	7-373	\$1		\$23,556
Co Ditch 23	7-354	\$0		\$0
Co Ditch 25	7-355	\$0		\$685
Co Ditch 42	7-360	\$0		\$0
Co Ditch 58	7-361	\$0		\$0
Co Ditch 20	7-364	\$0		\$9,222
Co Ditch 43	7-366	\$0		\$435
Co Ditch 29	7-371	\$0		\$0
Co Ditch 38	7-	\$0		\$0

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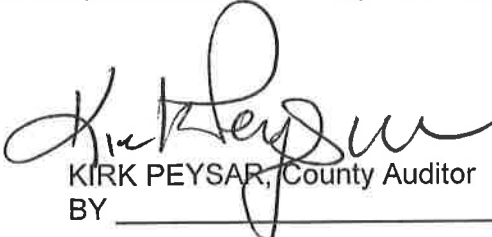
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 KIRK PEYSAR, County Auditor  
 BY \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy

By Commissioner: Niemi

121713-101

**2014 Unorganized Township Budgets**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following 2014 budgets be set for Unorganized Townships:

	<u>Revenues:</u>	<u>Reserves:</u>	<u>Expenditures:</u>
Unorganized Road and Bridge	\$41,000		\$41,000
Unorganized Fire Fund	\$25,100		\$25,100
Unorganized Cemetery	\$2,700		\$2,700

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

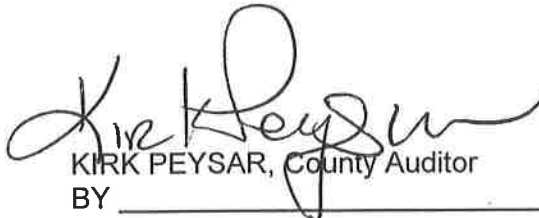
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BY \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy

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ADOPTED December 17, 2013

By Commissioner: Niemi

**121713-102**

**2014 Non-Levy Budgets**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners, County of Aitkin, do hereby set the following fund budgets that are non-levy for 2014:

<u>Fund/Account</u>	<u>Revenues:</u>	<u>Reserves:</u>	<u>Expenditures:</u>
Law Library	\$30,000		\$30,000
County Development	\$205,000	\$130,324	\$335,324
Cons. Forf Tax Sales	\$0		\$0
Forfeit Tax Sales	\$1,205,000	\$1,823	\$1,206,823
Forest Resource	\$143,000	\$78,036	\$221,036
Reforestation	\$137,000	\$76,841	\$213,841
Memorial Forest	\$85,000	\$43,592	\$128,592
Forest Road	\$37,000	\$11,691	\$48,691
Gravel Pit	\$1,500		\$1,500
Missing Heirs	\$0		\$0
MCIT	\$150,000	(\$80,000)	\$70,000
Collaborative Grant	\$70,800	\$17,050	\$87,850
Environmental Trust	\$10,000		\$10,000
LLCC	\$673,360	\$1,315	\$674,675

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

**FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT**

**All Members Voting Yes**

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 BY \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy



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ADOPTED December 17, 2013

By Commissioner: Marcotte

**121713-103**

**2014 Levy**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the final property tax levy for taxes payable in 2014 for the following funds:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>LEVY</u>
Revenue Fund	\$5,428,371
Road and Bridge Fund	\$2,402,125
Health & Human Services Fund	\$2,004,934
Debt Service Jail Bond	\$0
Operation or Maintenance Costs of Aitkin County Jail	\$1,890,266
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$11,725,696</b>

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

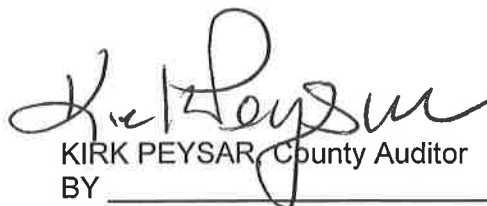
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 BY \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy

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ADOPTED December 17, 2013

By Commissioner: Westerlund

**121713-104**

**2014 Budgets**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following 2014 budgets be set for the leviable funds of Aitkin County:

<u>Fund/Account</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Reserves</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
General Fund	\$11,410,747	(\$79,375)	\$11,331,372
Road and Bridge	\$8,594,248	\$1,883,000	\$10,477,148
Health & Human Service	\$5,521,956	\$600,030	\$6,121,986
Debt Service	\$0	\$406,250	\$406,250
Parks	\$564,000	\$3,519	\$567,519
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$26,090,851</b>	<b>\$2,813,424</b>	<b>\$28,904,275</b>

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

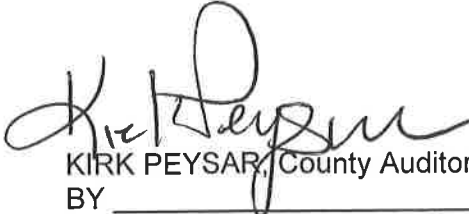
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 BY \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy

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ADOPTED December 17, 2013

By Commissioner: Niemi

121713-105

2014 ECRL Levy

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the amount of \$232,137 be budgeted and levied for the year 2014 for the East Central Regional Library.

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

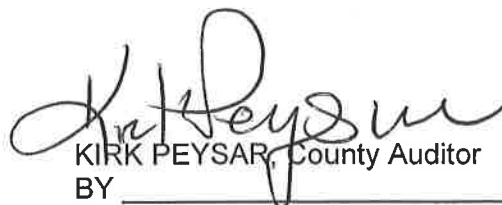
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KIRK PEYSAR, County Auditor  
BY \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy

By Commissioner: Westerlund

121713-106

**2014 Boat & Water Safety Budget**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners approves the 2014 annual Boat and Water Safety Agreement budget in file in the Office of County Auditor in the amount of \$79,833 for a term January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014.

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Co Share</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
Misc. Receipts	\$500		
Boat & Water Grant	\$18,628		
Boat & Water Supply Grant	\$6,375		
Totals:	\$25,503	\$54,330	\$79,833

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

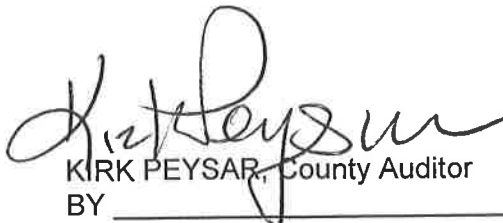
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KIRK PEYSAR, County Auditor  
BY \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy

By Commissioner: Napstad

121713-107

2014 Appropriations to ASCS & Snake River Watershed

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the budget and appropriation in the amount of \$138,045 be set for 2014 for the Aitkin County Soil and Water Conservation District (\$98,034 from the General Revenue Fund and \$40,011 from County Development Funds) and \$10,079 be set for the Snake River Watershed District.

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

FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT

All Members Voting Yes

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KIRK PEYSAR, County Auditor

BY \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy

By Commissioner: Niemi

121713-108

**2014 Arrowhead Regional Development Commission Levy**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners acknowledges the Levy for the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission for 2014 in the amount of \$49,013.00.

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

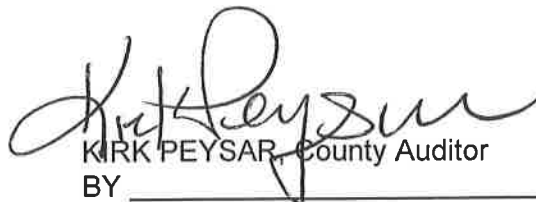
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KIRK PEYSAR, County Auditor  
BY \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy

By Commissioner: Marcotte

121713-109

**Unorganized Road & Bridge Transfers**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County Auditor is hereby ordered to transfer the following sums of money from the Unorganized Road and Bridge account to the County Road and Bridge fund. Monies to be transferred from the individual accounts of the Unorganized Townships as given below. Purpose of this claim is to cover the expense of snowplowing and repairing of road in the Unorganized Townships with county equipment.

Unorg Township

52-22	\$15,011.21
45-24	\$4,174.58
47-24	\$13,412.77
52-24	\$7,742.16
50-25	\$6,219.75
51-25	\$117.50
52-25	\$44,166.99
50-26	\$4,432.44
48-27	\$8,012.71
49-27	\$8,748.73
50-27	\$456.25
51-27	\$793.03
52-27	\$15,831.89

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


FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT

All Members Voting Yes

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BY \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy

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ADOPTED December 17, 2013

By Commissioner: Westerlund

121713-110

County Ditch & County Development Transfers

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County Auditor is hereby ordered to transfer the following sums of money from the ditch accounts to the County Road and Bridge fund. Monies to be transferred from the individual accounts of the ditch as given below. Purpose of this claim is to cover the expense of Assessment and Maintenance of ditches.

County Ditch 30	\$172.50
County Ditch 63	\$1,523.30
Diversion Channel	\$2.54

**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Auditor is hereby ordered to transfer the following sums of money from the County Development Fund to the County Road and Bridge fund to cover maintenance of the following County Ditches:

County Ditch 20	\$9,222.00
County Ditch 25	\$685.00
County Ditch 28	\$175.00
County Ditch 43	\$435.00
Diversion Channel	\$23,553.31

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

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KIRK PEYSAR, County Auditor

BY \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy



**Wetland Mitigation**

**WHEREAS**, impacts to wetlands in northeast Minnesota continue to create a high demand for compensatory wetland mitigation, and

**WHEREAS**, current state and federal compensatory wetland mitigation policies have resulted in large amounts of wetland impacts being replaced outside of the watershed boundary of the impacted wetland in low-priority areas of the state that have greater than 80% of their pre-settlement wetlands remaining, and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 11,000 acres of wetland credits have either been established or are in the process of being established in Aitkin County as mitigation for impacts in other drainage basins located outside of Aitkin County, and

**WHEREAS**, actual wetland impacts within Aitkin County total less than 100 acres since 1991, and

**WHEREAS**, the Interagency Northeast Mitigation Siting Team is a group of representatives of various state and federal regulatory agencies that have developed concepts for modifying current wetland mitigation requirements for impacts in the Lake Superior and Rainy River drainage basins, and

**WHEREAS**, comments regarding these concepts, dated November 20, 2013, have been solicited by the Interagency Northeast Mitigation Siting Team.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Aitkin County hereby comments as follows:

1. The Interagency Northeast Mitigation Siting Team needs to be expanded to allow representation by all stakeholders affected by wetland impacts in the Lake Superior and Rainy River drainage basins.
2. The following problem statement needs to be added to concept document: "Current state and federal compensatory wetland mitigation policies have resulted in large amounts of wetland impact being replaced outside of the watershed boundary of the impacted wetland in concentrated low-priority areas of the state that are not lacking in wetland functions and values."
3. The alternative options for compensatory mitigation including the expanded use of preservation, restoration/protection of riparian corridors and streams, stabilization of natural hydrology, peatland hydrology restoration, and watershed plan implementation projects should be clearly limited only to mitigation sites located within the Lake Superior and Rainy River drainage basins.
4. Wetland impacts in the Lake Superior and Rainy River drainage basins that cannot practicably be mitigated within the same watershed should be required to be sited in high priority areas of the state that have less than 80% of pre-settlement wetland areas remaining. Mitigation for these impacts, even at higher replacement ratios, should not be allowed in the greater than 80% areas of the state.
5. Aitkin County is adamantly opposed to allowing the replacement of wetland impacts in the Lake Superior and Rainy River drainage basins in areas of the state that have greater than 80% of pre-settlement wetland areas remaining. Even at increased replacement ratios to discourage replacement in these areas, it will continue to be more economically feasible to replace impacts in these low priority areas of the state, which will only magnify the current problem with too many wetland impacts being replaced in areas of the state that have greater than 80% of pre-settlement wetland areas remaining.
6. To achieve more effective and efficient mitigation of wetland impacts in the Lake Superior and Rainy River drainage basins, mitigation should be based on a no-net loss of wetland functions and values rather than a no-net loss of wetland area. While this would potentially result in lower than 1:1 replacement ratios on an area basis, wetland functions and values would be maintained at greater than

a 1:1 ratio.

7. Aitkin County continues to support the concept of the In-Lieu Fee Program for mitigation of wetland impacts in the Lake Superior and Rainy River drainage basins.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners hereby thank the Interagency Northeast Mitigation Siting Team for addressing this important issue and encourages strong consideration of the recommendations contained herein.

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

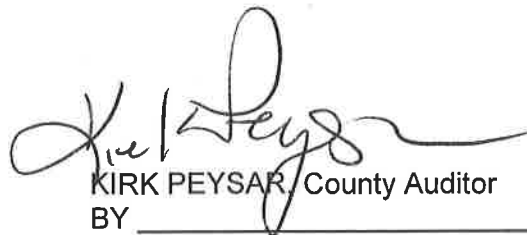
FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT

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 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of December A.D., 2013



KIRK PEYSAR, County Auditor

BY \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy