



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

**Requested Meeting Date:** January 27, 2015

**Title of Item:** Aquatic Invasive Species Committee Recommendation

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	<b>Action Requested:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft)	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing* <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>
<b>Submitted by:</b> Aquatic Invasives Species Committee (AIS)		<b>Department:</b> Aitkin Co. Soil and Water
<b>Presenter (Name and Title):</b> Steve Hughes, District Manager		<b>Estimated Time Needed:</b> 15 minutes
<b>Summary of Issue:</b> The AIS Committee has just completed a grant application period for Lake Associations to apply for educational dollars and watercraft inspectors to work at lake accesses. We received applications from 10 lakes and one educational committee for a total request of approximately \$97,000. We have more than \$194,000 in the budget for these items and are asking for approval from the County Board to approve the applications. Some details need to be worked out with the applicants, therefore we are asking for permission to make adjustments to the requests. We ask for approval to go up to a maximum of \$110,000. This part of the AIS workplan for 2015 is our biggest challenge and we are very pleased with the number and quality of the applications that were submitted.		
<b>Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:</b> We feel this is the best option to cooperatively work with Lake Associations and others to implement efforts to prevent and/or slow the spread of aquatic invasive species.		
<b>Recommended Action/Motion:</b> Recommended motion from the County Board to approve the recommendations of the AIS Committee.		
<b>Financial Impact:</b> Is there a cost associated with this request? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$ \$110,000 Is this budgeted? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i> This is part of the AIS funding from the State of Minnesota.		