



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: 6/23/15

Title of Item: Timber permit # 13182 - 2nd extension request

<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	Action Requested: <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* <small>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</small>
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Submitted by: Land Commissioner	Department: Land
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Presenter (Name and Title):	Estimated Time Needed: n/a
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Summary of Issue:

Our timber permits are 3-years in duration with one potential 1-year extension; approved by the Land Commissioners office. 2nd extensions are rarely granted and must be approved by the County Board based on extenuating circumstances.

I believe that #13182 (Sappi Fine Paper) meets the criteria, as the logger slated to harvest the permit last winter suffered a severe back injury that left him unable to complete harvesting the permit before it expired.

I recommend approval of the 2nd extension of permit # 13182 with the following conditions...

* stumpage rates adjusted to current levels = \$962.95

* 10% of uncut balance extension fee (adjusted rate) = \$1186.15

Total = \$2149.10

Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:

Recommended Action/Motion:

Financial Impact:

Is there a cost associated with this request? Yes No

What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$

Is this budgeted? Yes No Please Explain:



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June 11, 2015

To the Honorable Aitkin County Board:

I'm writing to request if Sappi could purchase an extension for Aitkin County timber permit #13182.

Russ Kingsley partially harvested this permit prior to his logging business being down sized by the relocation his sons to work in North Dakota. Russ Kingsley went through the transition of selling his processor logging equipment and buying older conventional equipment to continue logging by himself. This was tough for him, and he came out of it with a greatly reduced logging capacity compared to what he used to have.

Last winter was the first winter that I was able to use John Croatt as a logging contractor and I planned for him to finish this permit. At the beginning of winter he sustained a bad fall on the tracks of his delimber and severely injured his back. John spent a month in the hospital and struggled to continue working through the winter. Winter logging came to a halt before John was able to finish the harvest on permit 13182.

I am very sorry for this situation and endeavor not to have it happen again. Regardless of your decision, I want to express my appreciation for the entire Land Department staff. They do a tremendous job managing the County land and contribute greatly to the forestry community.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Cunningham". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tom Cunningham

Procurement Forester

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