



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: March 22, 2016

Title of Item: Local Water Plan Extension

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	Action Requested: <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*
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Submitted by: Steve Hughes	Department: Aitkin County SWCD
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Presenter (Name and Title): Steve Hughes, District Manager	Estimated Time Needed: 10 minutes
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Summary of Issue:

The Aitkin County Water Plan is due to be updated by August, 2016. Three Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy (WRAPS) are on-going in Aitkin County at this time. In addition, Mitch Brinks formerly of Crow Wing County Water Planning, is now contracted with Aitkin County to assist us with our water plan assessments and mapping.

One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) is the new required direction from the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR). 1W1P requires that local water plans include WRAPS information and requires significant coordination with adjacent counties that share our major watersheds.

Because of the activities that are on-going and described above, it will be more efficient and will be beneficial to Aitkin County to delay the update of our water plan in order to incorporate all the new data.

Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:
Write and adopt an incomplete Local Water Plan in 2016. That would not allow the inclusion of valuable information.

Recommended Action/Motion:
Recommend that the Aitkin County Board adopt the attached resolution.

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:

Extend the Aitkin County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, §103B.301, Comprehensive Local Water Management Act, authorizes Minnesota Counties to develop and implement a Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan, and

WHEREAS, Aitkin County currently has a state approved Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan that covers the period of June 2009 through August 17, 2016, and

WHEREAS, Aitkin County is currently updating the Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan in accordance with Minnesota Statutes §103B.301, and

WHEREAS, 3 Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy (WRAPS) efforts are currently underway in Aitkin County, and

WHEREAS, the WRAPS processes include significant water quality monitoring and assessment of lakes and streams through the Surface Water Assessment Grants, DNR, and MPCA efforts, and

WHEREAS, the information gathered through the WRAPS processes will be used to improve and complete the Aitkin County Local Water Management Plan, and

WHEREAS, a cooperative agreement with Technical Service Area 8 SWCD's was recently entered into that will allow GIS expertise to be shared from Area 8 staff to the Aitkin County SWCD, and

WHEREAS, adjacent county water plans are beginning the process of being updated thereby making coordination across county lines both possible and timely, and

WHEREAS, increased Aquatic Invasive Species funding, research, and inspection efforts are beginning their second field season thereby providing additional water quality data, and

WHEREAS, this extension in time will allow significant amounts of new data and information to be included that will strengthen and improve Aitkin County's Water Plan, and

WHEREAS, Aitkin County assures continued effort toward completion of the Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan update, and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources has authorization to grant extensions pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §103B.3367;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners requests from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources an extension of the effective date of the current County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan until August 15, 2018, in order to complete the update process in accordance with Minnesota Statutes §103B.301.

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

FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT
STATE OF MINNESOTA}
COUNTY OF AITKIN}

All Members Voting Yes

I, Nathan Burkett, County Administrator, Aitkin County, Minnesota do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in the Administration Office of Aitkin County in Aitkin, Minnesota as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said Board on the 22nd day of March 2016, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and seal this 22nd day of March 2016

Nathan Burkett
County Administrator