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Date: March 16, 2016
To: North Central Regional Committee
From: Maggie Leach, Board Conservationist
Re: Extension Request – Aitkin County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan

The following memo outlines the BWSR staff review and recommendations for the Aitkin County (County) Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan (Plan) extension request. The current Plan was approved in June 2009 and expires on August 17, 2016. On March 22, 2016, the Board received a request from the County to extend the plan to August 15, 2018.

This extension will allow the County to participate in and more effectively utilize the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's ten-year approach for monitoring, assessing, and developing Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies (WRAPS). The following table shows the WRAPS schedules for the County.

Major Watershed	% of County	Scheduled WRAPS Completion Date
Upper Mississippi - Grand Rapids	40%	December 31, 2018
Upper Mississippi - Brainerd	35%	June 30, 2019
Rum River	10%	December 31, 2016

Additionally, the County wishes to synchronize plan development efforts with adjacent counties and watershed districts to produce the most effective One Watershed, One Plan. The County passed a resolution committing to One Watershed, One Plan and coordination with watershed partners. The county has a good history of active watershed management and implementation. The county plans to continue implementing its current plan.

BWSR policy is to grant extensions which facilitate the transition to One Watershed, One Plan. BWSR staff has completed its review and recommend approval of the request to extend the Aitkin County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan until August 15, 2018.

Enclosure

- Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan extension request and resolution
- Draft Board Order
- Location Map of the County

Resolution to 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.

CERTIFICATION

State of Minnesota
Office of County Administrator
County of Aitkin

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution presented to and adopted by the County of Aitkin at a duly authorized meeting thereof held on the **Date of Month, year**.

Name
Title

Pennington County

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BEAVER BOUNTY POLICY

March 2011

1. The Trapper shall be registered through the Pennington County Highway Department to receive a bounty.
2. If the removal occurs outside of the trapping season, the Trapper needs to be permitted by the DNR.
3. During trapping season the Trapper will receive \$25.00, otherwise the bounty is \$50.00. The County will keep the tail for identification.
4. The Trapper shall notify the County where the trapping will occur. This information will be used to determine which ditch system will be charged for the beaver removal.
5. The permit will only be valid for two weeks (calendar days). If beavers are still present, the Trapper will need to apply for another permit.
6. The Trapper is to obtain landowner approval before trapping can occur.
7. The Trapper must follow all Minnesota DNR rules and regulations and possess this permit during trapping.

Funding for the program will be capped at \$5,000 per year.

This policy was adopted by the Pennington County Board of Commissioners on April 12, 2011.

Michael Flaagan, County Engineer

Kittson County

Sue Bingham

From: Steve Hughes [hughes.aitkinswcd@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2016 3:50 PM
To: Sue Bingham
Subject: Fwd: Kittson County Beaver Bounty
Attachments: beaver bounty program Contract_2016.docx

a bit more information

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From: Muller, Justin - NRCS-CD, Hallock MN <Justin.Muller@mn.nacdnet.net>
Date: Thu, Mar 17, 2016 at 2:09 PM
Subject: Kittson County Beaver Bounty
To: "hughes.aitkinswcd@gmail.com" <hughes.aitkinswcd@gmail.com>

Hello Steve,

I did some asking around and found some information that hopefully you find helpful regarding the beaver bounty in Kittson County.

Kittson County pays \$40 per beaver and paid on 103 of them 2015. They only pay on beavers that they know are nuisance in ditches that they have jurisdiction and contact a trapper from there.

Two Rivers Watershed pays \$70 per beaver and paid on 25-30 of them in 2015. Like the county they only pay on beavers that they know are nuisance in ditches that they have jurisdiction.

Kittson SWCD pays \$30 just raised from 20 we paid on 17 beavers in 2015. We pay on beavers that don't fall into either the county's or Two Rivers program. When the beavers are brought in we have the trapper show us on a map where the beaver was trapped.

I have attached our contract.

If you would like more info let me know.

Thanks,

Justin Muller

Kittson SWCD

District Technician

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**KITTSOON SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NUISANCE BEAVER
BOUNTY PROGRAM AGREEMENT**

This agreement between the Kittson Soil and Water Conservation District (District) and the Landowner/Beaver Trapper entered into this _____ day of _____, 2016.

This agreement is intended to provide both parties with a clear understanding of the duties and responsibilities designated to each party.

A. DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITY

1. The Kittson SWCD may reimburse an individual \$30 per nuisance beaver tail that is brought into the Kittson SWCD office. The nuisance beaver(s) needs to be caught on **non-County Ditch Systems** and **non-Two Rivers Watershed District (TRWD)** ditches. Nuisance Beaver(s) will be caught within the boundaries of Kittson County. Cost Share dollars for this program is from the Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan (CLWP).
2. Cost Share dollars are on a first come first serve basis.
3. The Kittson SWCD will place your name and the number of nuisance beaver(s) on a map to document the location in case of an audit.

B. LANDOWNER/BEAVER TRAPPER RESPONSIBILITY

1. The Landowner/Beaver Trapper verifies that he or she has the necessary trapping permit(s) and is in compliance with Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) rules and regulations.
2. All Landowners/Beaver Trappers found not following the rules and regulations of the DNR and/or not catching nuisance beavers within Kittson County will not receive future payments from the CLWP.

C. HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent permitted by law, Landowner/Beaver Trapper agrees to indemnify the District, Kittson County and the Kittson Soil and Water Conservation District, their officers, employees, agents and others acting on their behalf, to hold them harmless, and to defend and protect them, from and against any and all loss, damage, liability, cost and expenses (specifically including attorney's fees and other costs and expenses of defense), of any sort whatsoever, based upon, resulting from, or otherwise arising in connection with any actions, claims or proceedings (of any sort and from any source whatsoever brought), or any loss, damage or injury of any type whatsoever sustained, whether or not also caused in part by a party identified hereunder, by reason of any act or omission of Landowner/Beaver Trappers, its officers, employees or agents, or any other person(s) or entity(ies) for whose acts or omissions Landowner/Beaver Trappers may be legally responsible, in the performance of any Landowner's obligation (whether expressed or implied) under this Contract.

I have read, understand and fully agree with the terms as stated in this Contract. I understand any infringement may be subject to additional payments, penalties or waiver of recovery from damages.

SCOTT A. TURNER
SHERIFF OF AITKIN COUNTY

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Aitkin, MN 56431

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MEMO

To: Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

Date: March 21, 2016

From: Sheriff Scott Turner

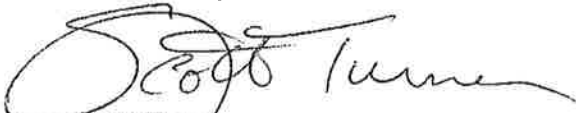
Re: Probation Services

As the decision on the future of probation services for Aitkin County is near, I would offer this memo in support of keeping those services in the community corrections model. I offer that support as I see that model the best option for providing those services. That opinion is based on the following:

1. Local Control - Having locally-based agents and local control allows for better input relative to how probation services ties into the bigger public safety picture.
2. Collaboration of Efforts -- Having a department that meets regularly with other department heads and fellow criminal-justice-system partners allows for a more efficient delivery of services
3. Specialty Courts -- Having a department that functions within the operation of Aitkin County would afford better opportunity to take part in specialty services such as sobriety court -- where probation provides a key service. This would also better allow probation to adapt and provide whatever unique service may be needed by the population that we serve in Aitkin County.
4. Familiarity -- with local partners and all of the probationers within the spectrum will provide for a better delivery of services. Splitting services by level of offense would seemingly divide the probation process and lead to less efficiency.

I will be present at the meeting on March 22, 2016 to answer any questions relative to this support.

Respectfully,



Scott Turner
Aitkin County Sheriff

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Aitkin County Health & Human Services

204 First St. NW
AITKIN, MINNESOTA 56431-1291
PHONE 1-800-328-3744 or 1-218-927-7200 - FAX # 927-7210

To whom it may concern.

In reviewing the options Aitkin County presently has around corrections, I would be in support of keeping the decision making within the structure of our county through Community Corrections for the following reasons.

- 1) I believe counties have shown the ability to make efficient and effective decisions based on local need better than State run agencies. We have a better grasp of our needs and have been successful in coordinating different types of services to make up for a lack in depth of services. We tend to build services that will not have unnecessary tails. We know our partners and what we can expect from them.
- 2) Having the ability to manage our services allows us to be more proactive and cooperative inter departmentally. Not having to be concerned about what limits/responsibilities a state agency may have, allows the county to be creative and create a variety of partnerships that make sense. We can be quite nimble as we move to address needs as they arise. While we would like to be proactive and head issues off before they surface, we cannot always do that in working with our consumers. Therefore we need to be able to react accordingly.

Sincerely,



Tom Burke
Director

Aitkin County Board of Commissioners Board Meeting Attendance Record

Date: March 22, 2016

Name	Please check the boxes that apply.		
	Aitkin County Citizen	Aitkin County Employee	Company Representative – please list.
Ramona Hooper	✓		McGregor/Township Supervisor
Julie Mellema	✓		Concerned Citizen
John C (Jack) Hooper	yes	NO	McGregor/Shamrock Township ^{TAXPAYER}
Bob HARVAATH	✓	NO	MY SELF
Adam Hooper	✓		Aitkin Age
Julie Barta	✓		
Gordy Grubke	✓	No	Self
Roy Hitalati	YES	NO	SALO TOWNSHIP
Steve Hughes	yes		Aitkin Co, SWCD
Galen Tuzit	X		Self
Jerry DeMenge	X		Jerve Township Sup

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Name	Please check the boxes that apply.		
	Aitkin County Citizen	Aitkin County Employee	Company Representative – please list.
Brent Amundson	X	N	McGregor Twp. Supervisor
Rel Courtemanche		X	Land
John Welle/Brian Zimpe		X	Highway Dept
Duane Swedberg	X		Spaling Twp.
Marty Johnson	X		Haugen Twp
Jim Kistler	X		McGregor
Joel Sibel	X		Spalaine Twp.
William Hietakiti	X		Salo
Thomas Boyd	X		McGregor
Sue Amundson	X		McGregor Twp Clerk