

AITKIN COUNTY BOARD - EMERGENCY MTG July 14, 2016

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 14th day of July, 2016 at 1:05 p.m. with the following members present: Board Chair J. Mark Wedel, Commissioners Don Niemi, Brian Napstad, and Anne Marcotte. Commissioner Laurie Westerlund was absent. County Administrator Nathan Burkett and Administrative Assistant Sue Bingham were also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried (4-0 Westerlund absent), to approve the July 14, 2016 agenda.

APPROVED AGENDA

Gordon Prickett, President of Aitkin County Lakes & River Association (ACLARA) stated that all the lakes in Aitkin County are experiencing high water levels.

CITIZENS' PUBLIC COMMENTS

Scott Turner, Sheriff discussed with the Board the recent heavy rains and gave updates on Aitkin County flooding issues, and subsequent high lake levels.

FLOODING

Additional comments and concerns were voiced by Cheryl McDonough and Jim Hausauer from Farm Island Lake; Ronald and Ruth Fudala from Hammal Lake; Gordon Prickett from Nord Lake; Taylor Hochstein, Conservation Officer with Mille Lacs Band; Steve Hughes, Aitkin County Soil & Water District; and Terry Neff, Aitkin County Environmental Services Director.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS & CONCERNS

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried (4-0 Westerlund absent), to adopt resolution – Temporary Aitkin County Lakes Slow-No Wake Restrictions:

WHEREAS, due to extraordinary weather conditions, including excessive rainfall during July of 2016, high water elevations prevail on certain Aitkin County lakes, and

WHEREAS, wave action from wind and watercraft has and will exacerbate shoreline erosion and cause damage to real and personal property, and

WHEREAS, high-water levels coupled with increased wave action have led to the inundation of low-lying yards and structures, and

WHEREAS, in an effort to protect property and limit environmental damage to lakes from shoreline erosion where the County can and may exert some control, the County Board of Commissioners enacts this 14th day of July, 2016, the following Temporary Special Controls to Section 5 Regulations of the Watercraft Ordinance.

**RESOLUTION
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TEMPORARY
AITKIN COUNTY
LAKES
SLOW-NO WAKE
RESTRICTIONS**

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the following lakes shall have a slow-no wake restriction on the entire lake, effective immediately and concluding at 11:59 pm on July 25,

2016:

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| Hill Lake | Hill Lake |
| Dam | Glen |
| Long | Glen |
| Gun | Fleming |
| Hammal – (Bass) | Farm Island |
| Nord | Nordland |
| Farm Island | Farm Island / Hazelton |
| Cedar | Aitkin / Farm Island |
| Lone | Nordland |

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried (4-0 Westerlund absent), to adjourn the meeting at 1:56 p.m.

ADJOURN



J. Mark Wedel, Chairperson
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners



Nathan Burkett, County Administrator