



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: September 12, 2017

Title of Item: Local Water Plan deadline extension

<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input checked="" 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*
Submitted by: Steve Hughes		Department: Aitkin County SWCD
Presenter (Name and Title): Steve Hughes, District Manager		Estimated Time Needed: < 5 minutes
Summary of Issue: <p>The Aitkin County Local Water Plan is due to be updated by August, 2018. Several watershed planning and sampling efforts are currently underway with Aitkin and adjacent counties in partnership with the MPCA and BWSR. These efforts gather resource information and citizen input that will be included in the Local Water Plan. These efforts will not be completed for a few years. In order to avoid duplication of efforts (citizen input meetings, lake and river sampling, multiple similar plans), the SWCD is asking to extend the Local water Plan deadline until August, 2022. Prior to August, 2018 the Local Water Plan will be updated with several new and more comprehensive maps to better show the current land use and water quality conditions in Aitkin County. The current approved Aitkin County Local Water Plan will remain in effect through the extension date, therefore assuring compliance with State planning requirements and eligibility for grant funds. This resolution requests the time extension from BWSR. Both BWSR and MPCA staff have expressed agreement with the rational behind the request for a time extension.</p>		
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments: This will reduce duplicative efforts for several County departments and the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners.		
Recommended Action/Motion: adoption of the attached resolution.		
Financial Impact: Is there a cost associated with this request? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$ Is this budgeted? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i>		

Legally binding agreements must have County Attorney approval prior to submission.

By Commissioner: xx

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Extension of 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 through August 15, 2018, and

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

WHEREAS, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy (WRAPS) plans are a valuable resource in Aitkin County Watershed planning, and

WHEREAS, usable draft or complete WRAPS documents will be available for the four primary county watersheds by early 2022; Rum River, Upper Mississippi Grand Rapids, Upper Mississippi River-Brainerd, Snake River Watershed, and

WHEREAS, extending the current water plan through August 2022 will allow inclusion of WRAPS findings and recommendations for the four primary watersheds in Aitkin County into the updated Aitkin County Water Plan, to be effective September 2022, 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, 2022, 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

All Members Voting Yes

STATE OF MINNESOTA}
COUNTY OF AITKIN}

I, Jessica Seibert, 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 12th day of September 2017, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and seal this 12th day of September 2017

Jessica Seibert
County Administrator