



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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 Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: December 19, 2017

Title of Item: Rum River 1 Watershed 1 Plan resolution

<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) <small><i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i></small>	<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		Estimated Time Needed: 10 minutes
Summary of Issue: <p>The Rum River Watershed (Mille Lacs Lake) is ready for a coordinated watershed planning effort known as 1 Watershed 1 Plan (1W1P). Aitkin County has the upper portion of the Rum River in Lake Mille Lacs and the watershed near Mille Lacs.</p> <p>1W1P is a progression from Local Water Planning to a larger watershed based plan. If successful, this grant application will result in funding from the Board of Water and Soil Resources to plan and implement water quality projects in the watershed.</p>		
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:		
Recommended Action/Motion: The Aitkin County SWCD recommends support of the 1W1P effort.		
Financial Impact: Is there a cost associated with this request? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$ Existing staff time Is this budgeted? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i> Existing staff (primarily SWCD) will work with other counties in the watershed to complete a larger watershed plan and to implement water quality projects. Funding will be provided from the State of Minnesota to participating counties for planning and projects.		

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

CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION OF COUNTY BOARD OF AITKIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

ADOPTED December 19, 2017

By Commissioner: xx

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Rum River, One Watershed, One Plan Project

WHEREAS, Integrated comprehensive watershed planning is a benefit for the water resources of the Rum River Watershed; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources has developed policies for coordination and development of comprehensive watershed management plans, also known as One Watershed, One Plan, consistent with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.801, Comprehensive Watershed Management Planning Program; and

WHEREAS, the counties, SWCDs, and WMOs within the Rum River Planning Boundary, have interest in developing a coordinated, major watershed-scale implementation framework for this area; and

WHEREAS, the counties, SWCDs, and WMOs within the Rum River Planning Boundary, have a successful history of cooperation for resource protection and restoration via the recently completed Rum River Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy; and

WHEREAS, participating in the One Watershed One Plan will provide funding for plan development and increase efficiency of disbursement of implementation funds through a plan-based disbursement process; and

WHEREAS, Aitkin County has an interest in the concept of One Watershed One Plan provided that it does not create an additional bureaucratic layer of water planning and management;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Aitkin County welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with the counties, SWCDs, and WMOs within the Rum River Planning Boundary for major watershed-scale planning efforts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners supports an application to the Board of Water and Soil Resources for a planning grant to develop a coordinated, major watershed-scale implementation framework and anticipates entering into a Memorandum of Agreement with the counties, SWCDs, and WMOs within the Rum River Planning Boundary to implement this collaborative effort and be eligible for plan-based implementation funding from BWSR.

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 19th day of December 2017, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and seal this 19th day of December 2017

Jessica Seibert
County Administrator