



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: July 16, 2018

Title of Item: Elevated Lake Levels, Emergency Meeting

<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*
Submitted by: Sheriff Scott A. Turner		Department: Aitkin County Sheriff's Office
Presenter (Name and Title): Sheriff Scott A. Turner		Estimated Time Needed:
Summary of Issue: Elevated Lake Levels and No-Wake request.		
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:		
Recommended Action/Motion: Adopt Resolution to allow Slow No-Wake Restrictions		
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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i>		

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MEMO

To: Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

Date: July 13, 2018

From: Sheriff Scott Turner

RE: Elevated Lake Levels

Following the significant rainfall events that we have seen over the last several weeks, the elevation of a number of our lakes is extremely high. Some county residents have asked about a "No-Wake" status for area lakes to help prevent further degradation of their lakeshores.

In the past, I have requested a "No-Wake" status for lakes immediately following a significant rise in lake levels for public safety concerns. The high water has also resulted in dock sections, tree and other debris being set adrift in many lakes posing a hazard to watercraft operators.

It is also a concern from a resource management perspective. Resource management concerns are best answered by those who deal with those types of issues on a daily basis.

The authority, under Minnesota Rules, now grants the county board authority to enact restrictions for up to 30 days.

6110.3700 WATER SURFACE MANAGEMENT STANDARDS

Subp. 9. Emergencies.

In situations of local emergency, temporary special controls may be enacted by the county, city, or town for a period not more than 30 days without the commissioner's approval. The commissioner shall be notified, however, as soon as practicable during this 30-day period.

Other Guidance from the MN DNR:

Please notify your members: The typical restriction is a slow no-wake either across the entire water body or at least 150 foot or 300 foot distance from shore.

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

ADOPTED July 16, 2018

By Commissioner: xx

20180716-0xx

Temporary Aitkin County Lakes Slow-No Wake Restrictions

WHEREAS, due to extraordinary weather conditions, including excessive rainfall during July of 2018, 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 16th day of July, 2018, the following Temporary Special Controls to Section 5 Regulations of the Watercraft Ordinance

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 month, day, 2018:

Long	Glen
Rabbitt	Glen
Hill Lake	Hill Lake
Big Pine	Wagner

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon agreement of the County Administrator, Environmental Services Director and County Sheriff, the restrictions imposed by this resolution may be removed by administrative decision.

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 16th day of July 2018, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and seal this 16th day of July 2018

Jessica Seibert
County Administrator