

# AITKIN COUNTY BOARD - EMERGENCY MTG

July 16, 2018

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018 at 8:01 a.m. at the Sheriff's Office, Basement Training Room, with the following members present: Board Vice Chair Laurie Westerlund, Commissioners Don Niemi, and Bill Pratt. Board Chair Anne Marcotte and Commissioner J. Mark Wedel were absent. County Administrator Jessica Seibert and Administrative Assistant Sue Bingham were also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Commissioner Pratt, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members present voting to approve the July 16, 2018 agenda.

APPROVED AGENDA

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

HIGH LAKE LEVELS

Comments were heard from Gordon Prickett, President of Aitkin County Lakes & River Association (ACLARA); Ron Fudala, Hammal Lake; Ray Williams, Gun Lake; and Bill Haroldson, Farm Island Lake Improvement Association.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Pratt, seconded by Commissioner Niemi and carried, all members present voting yes to adopt resolution – 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

RESOLUTION  
20180716-051  
TEMPORARY  
AITKIN COUNTY  
LAKES  
SLOW-NO WAKE  
RESTRICTIONS

**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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 August 14, 2018:

Long	Glen
Dam	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.

Motion by Commissioner Niemi, seconded by Commissioner Pratt and carried, all members present voting to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 a.m.

**ADJOURN**

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Laurie Westerlund, Vice Chair  
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

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Jessica Seibert, County Administrator