



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

**Requested Meeting Date:** July 24, 2018

**Title of Item:** Aitkin County Broadband Development Grant - AMENDED

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	<b>Action Requested:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft)	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing* <small>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</small>
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<b>Submitted by:</b> Ross Wagner	<b>Department:</b> Economic Development Coordinator
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<b>Presenter (Name and Title):</b> Ross Wagner, Economic Development & Forest Industry Coordinator	<b>Estimated Time Needed:</b> 20 Minutes
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**Summary of Issue:**  
 In 2017 Aitkin County dedicated \$450,000.00 for a 3 year, Aitkin County Broadband Development Grant, to be funded at \$150,000/year. For 2018 applications were received from SCI Broadband and Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative and are detailed below.

SCI Broadband, Inc	PROJECT COST	MATCH	AITKIN COUNTY	HOMES SERVES
Turner Township/Big Sandy Lake	\$111,593	\$66,956	\$44,637	121 homes, 1 business
Glen/Clear Lake	107,325	64,395	42,930	125 homes
Farm Island/Spirit Lake	94,810	56,885	37,924	84 homes
Workman/Big Sandy Lake	69,251	45,013	24,238	106 homes, 1 business
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$382,979</b>	<b>\$233,249</b>	<b>\$149,729</b>	436 homes, 2 businesses
 Mille Lacs Energy	 \$370,000	 \$220,000	 \$150,000	 347 homes

After much review and discussion, the Economic Development Committee recommends that Aitkin County award its 2018 Aitkin County Broadband Development Grant to SCI Broadband, Inc. SCI's proposals will reach 100 more homes and will spread the availability of Fiber to the Premise to more areas of Aitkin County. IN ADDITION, THE IRON RANGE RESOURCES AND REHABILITATION BOARD OFFERS COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS OF WHICH BROADBAND FUNDING WOULD BE ELIGIBLE. AITKIN COUNTY SHOULD APPLY FOR \$150,000.00 USING COUNTY FUNDS AS A MATCH FOR ADDITIONAL BROADBAND FUNDING FOR MLEC'S REQUEST.

**Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:**

**Recommended Action/Motion:**  
 Approve grant request from SCI Broadband, APPLY FOR A COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT FROM IRRRB FOR MATCHING GRANT TO MILLE LACS ENERGY COOPERATIVE APPLICATION.

**Financial Impact:**  
 Is there a cost associated with this request?  Yes  No  
 What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$  
 Is this budgeted?  Yes  No Please Explain:

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

ADOPTED , 2018

By Commissioner:

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**Aitkin County Broadband IRRRB Grant Application**

WHEREAS, Aitkin County has committed \$450,000 towards Broadband Fiber to the Premise (FTTP) Networks in Aitkin County by implementing the Aitkin County Broadband Development Grant, to be paid out in \$150,000 grant awards in 2017, 2018 and 2019.

WHEREAS, for 2017 Aitkin County Broadband Development Grants will provide a FTTP network, servicing 610 homes and businesses

WHEREAS, Applications for 2018 would result in an additional 785 homes and businesses being eligible for a FTTP network

and WHEREAS, Aitkin County seeks additional funding to assist with the implementation of additional FTTP network opportunities;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Aitkin County will apply for an IRRRB Community Infrastructure Grant for \$150,000 for a FTTP network. Should the application be successful, Aitkin County will accept the funds. The fiscal agent for this grant will be the Aitkin County; Contact person, Economic Development and Forest Industry Coordinator, Ross Wagner, authorized signature and agent for Aitkin County shall be Jessica Seibert, Aitkin County Administrator, Aitkin County Courthouse, 217 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW, Aitkin, MN 56431

Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ moved the adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote \_\_\_\_\_

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 24th day of July, 2018, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and seal this 24th day of July 2018

Jessica Seibert County Administrator



**NEMNTAP**

Air transportation in NE Minnesota

Money spent at airports is re spent 1-1.5 times in the community. 2/3 of the hours flown in major airports are for business purposes.

Overview of the legislative session.

Review of the draft MnDOT project selection process that uses scoring for selection.

**BSLWAMP**

Remaining grant funds discussed along with educational efforts.

Rivers & Lakes Fair – best attendance ever (564), expanded displays were a big hit.

Ruzek shoreline revegetation project was reviewed and 44% cost share approved.

**ATV ALLIANCE**

Discussion items: Trail conditions due to recent weather events. Recruitment of younger riders. Mille Lacs East bonding and local support. August 11<sup>th</sup> Alliance Veterans ride in Lawler (10:00) Coordinated advertising and promotion of the interconnected trails in Northeastern Minnesota.

**MCGREGOR AIRPORT**

Met with MnDOT Department of Aeronautics Director Cassandra Isackson P. E. to review the needs of the airport.

Discussed funding sources requirements and accessing them. Grants and utilizing the money more efficiently.

Item of interest was discussion on solar panel regulations to avoid problems with aircraft.

Two grants have been requested, one for a storage building and one for obstruction removal. quote for a security fence at the airport has been sent to MnDOT.

**AIS**

Decontamination units are in good shape and are being used more often on a voluntary basis. Geo-fencing of accesses shows apparent huge errors; Steve Hughes is addressing this. Still below the desired number of inspectors, looking at increased incentives for next year. Exploring getting a user self-service cleaning unit for boaters.

**ACAT**

Report on delegate trip to Washington D.C. Will be holding meetings at the McGregor Community Center instead of rotating locations for 1 year. This is on a trial basis.

Next meeting is October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M.

**JCNRB – DID NOT MEET**

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**NOTICE OF ADEQUACY DETERMINATION ON THE  
REVISED FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR  
THE PROPOSED LINE 3 REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Issued: July 9, 2018

**In the Matter of the Application of Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership for a Certificate of Need for the Proposed Line 3 Replacement Project in Minnesota from the North Dakota Border to the Wisconsin Border**

**In the Matter of the Application of Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership for a Route Permit for the Proposed Line 3 Replacement Project in Minnesota from the North Dakota Border to the Wisconsin Border**

**PUC Docket Numbers:** PL-9/CN-14-916 and PL-9/PPL-15-137

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, pursuant to Minn. R. 4410.2800, subp. 6, that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, in an order issued on May 1, 2018, found the February 12, 2018 revised Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Line 3 Replacement Project to be adequate under Minn. R. 4410.2800, subp. 4. The Commission's May 1 Order was the subject of various petitions for reconsideration pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216B.27, subds. 1 and 5, and the Commission issued an Order Denying Reconsideration of its May 1 Order on July 3, 2018.

The Commission's May 1 and July 3, 2018 Orders, the revised Final EIS, and other documents are available for viewing on the Commission's eDocket System at: [mn.gov/puc](http://mn.gov/puc), select *eDockets*, enter the year (14) and the docket number (916), or the year (15) and the docket number (137), and select *Search*.

The revised Final EIS can also be viewed on the Department of Commerce Line 3 Website: [mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/line3](http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/line3).

Additional Information on the proposed Line 3 Replacement Project and the Commission's review process can be found by visiting: [mn.gov/puc/line3](http://mn.gov/puc/line3).

