



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: September 10, 2019

Title of Item: Resolution for CPL Grant

<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: Rich Courtemanche		Department: Land
Presenter (Name and Title): Rich Courtemanche - Land Commissioner		Estimated Time Needed: 10 min
Summary of Issue: <p>Aitkin County Land Department desires to apply for a Conservation Partners Legacy Grant (CPL) with the MN Department of Natural Resources to purchase two properties that are landlocked in important forest management zones within Aitkin County.</p> <p>Two land owners have contacted the Land Department asking for easements across County property for private access. County Policy (080106-112) restricts granting an easements due to their length, remoteness, and crossing MN Public Waters. County Policy (080106-112) recommends purchase of such properties as an option. Both landowners are interested in selling to their property to the County.</p> <p>The Land Department would apply for a CPL (Legacy Grant) grant to help purchase these properties fee title. The Land Department would furnish the 10% match of non-state funds or in-kind resources. Owning the properties will simplify management and access conflicts will be resolved.</p>		
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments: <p>A deny vote of the resolution will result in land locked properties remaining in private ownership. Access and boundary issues would remain. Land management would be fragmented due to mixed ownership.</p>		
Recommended Action/Motion: Adopt Resolution		
Financial Impact: <p><i>Is there a cost associated with this request?</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><i>What is the total cost, with tax and shipping?</i> \$ approximately \$22,000</p> <p><i>Is this budgeted?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i></p> <p>Grant request will be approximately \$237,000. Match will be approximately \$22,000 in cash and in-kind resources. ACLD will request 7.5% from grant to cover administration.</p>		

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

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

ADOPTED September 10, 2019

By Commissioner: xx

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Conservation Partners Legacy Grant (CPL)

WHEREAS, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners supports the grant application made to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program. The application is to acquire two important landlocked properties, and

WHEREAS, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners adopted Road Easement Policy (080106-112) where it states, "...there are instances involving property in remote areas adjacent to large blocks of Aitkin County tax forfeited lands, the County may consider purchase of a remote land locked property if an easement is not deemed advisable and an exchange is not desirable to the landowner," and

WHEREAS, the Aitkin County Land Department has been contacted by two landowners in need of remote easements that cross DNR public waters and easements are not practical or in the best interest of the public based on the said County Policy, and

WHEREAS, Aitkin County has the financial capability to meet the 10% match of non-state funds or in-kind resources.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, IF Aitkin County is awarded the grant by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Aitkin County agrees to accept the grant award, and may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above referenced acquisition. Aitkin County will comply with all applicable laws, environmental requirements, and regulations as stated in the grant agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Aitkin County Land Commissioner is hereby authorized to execute such agreements as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of Aitkin County.

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

FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT

All Members Voting

**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 10th day of September 2019, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and seal this 10th day of September 2019

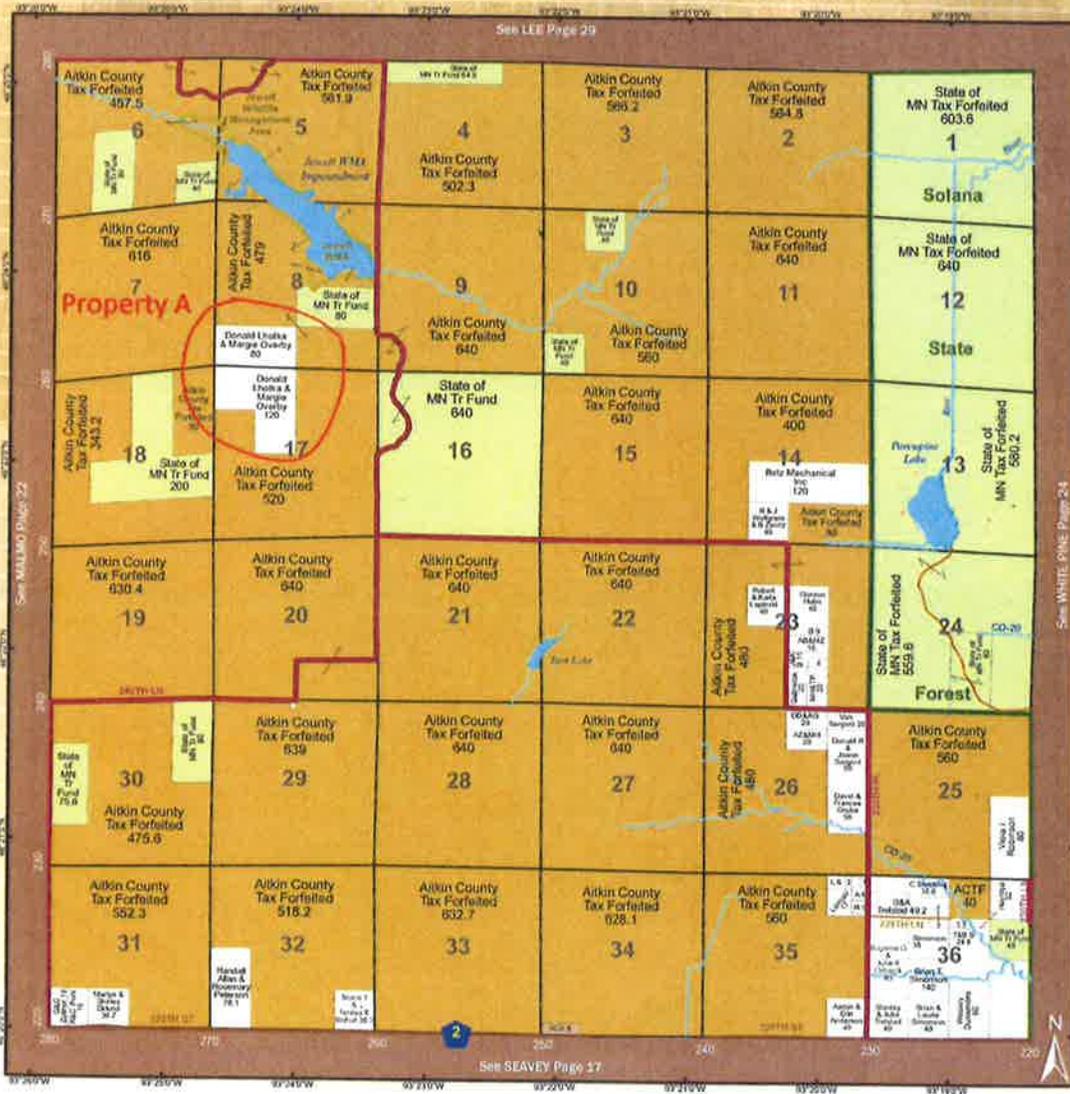
Jessica Seibert
County Administrator



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