



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: November 26, 2019

Title of Item: Adopt Resolution Approving State Acquisition

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| <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* |
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| Submitted by: Jessica Seibert, County Administrator | Department: Administration |
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| Presenter (Name and Title): Jessica Seibert, County Administrator | Estimated Time Needed: 15 min. |
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Summary of Issue:

A landowner has informed the DNR of their intent to sell a portion of their land on Hill lake to the DNR. Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) dollars will be used for the purchase, therefore a resolution approving the sale is required by the Aitkin County Board. Please see the attached letter from DNR Fisheries Manager, Rick Bruesewitz, and the proposed resolution.

Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:

Recommended Action/Motion:
Approve/Deny proposed resolution of State Conservation Acquisition.

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:*

m DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES

September 30, 2019

Dear Aitkin County Board of Commissioners and Aitkin County Administrator Jessica Seibert:

A landowner has informed us of their intentions to sell a portion of their land on Hill Lake for inclusion into Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Aquatic Management Area (AMA) system.

Cumulatively "Hill Lake AMA Tract 2" totals 98.6 acres and 2,354 feet of lake access, which will be available to the public for angling, hunting, non-motorized and other compatible outdoor recreation. The land is located in Township 52, Range 26, Section 12. These lands meet our criteria for a quality AMA that includes critical fish habitat, and we believe public support exists for this purchase.

In an effort to build on the good working relationship that the DNR has with county governments throughout the State, the DNR will continue to notify county governments on all pending donations/sales of land or easements for AMA purposes. While DNR typically uses funding that requires only county board notification, Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) monies are being used to acquire this land. Thus, we will require County Board approval, and this letter serves to request placement on the County Board November 12, 2019 meeting agenda.

The Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) for this acquisition is estimated to be \$2,047.50 annually, based on the appraised value.

We are excited to add this land to our AMA inventory. This parcel includes almost 2,000 ft of undeveloped shoreline, which includes some exceptional habitat for fish in Hill Lake. This area has many diverse habitat features that will be protected along with public access for angling and other outdoor recreation long into the future.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,



Rick Bruesewitz
Aitkin Area Fisheries Manager
1200 Minnesota Ave S.
Aitkin, MN 56431
(218) 429-3037

cc: Chris Kavanaugh - Regional Fisheries Manager
Adam Murkowski - Land Acquisition
Chad McDonald - Realty Specialist

enclosed: Draft copy of Review of Proposed State Conservation Acquisition Form and Hill Lake Aquatic Management Area Map

By Commissioner: xx

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Proposed State Conservation Acquisition

WHEREAS, in accordance with; Minnesota Statutes 84.944, Subd. 3, the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources on September 30, 2019, provided the county board with a description of lands to be acquired by the State of Minnesota for Aquatic Management Area purposes.

Hill Lake AMA, Tract 2. Those parts of Section 12, Township 52 North, Range 26 West, Aitkin County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Government Lot 3, the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter and the east 33 feet of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter,

AND

Government Lot 2 EXCEPT a 2-acre parcel along the shore of Hill Lake. Government Lot 2 is subject to a 33-foot easement lying 16.5 feet on each side of the following described centerline: Commencing at the northeast corner of said Government Lot 2; thence west, bearing assumed, along the north line of said Government Lot 2 a distance of 260 feet, more or less, to the intersection with an in place driveway and the point of beginning; thence southwesterly 500 feet, more or less, to the aforementioned 2-acre EXCEPTION and there terminating.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Aitkin County on November 12, 2019 that the State's proposed acquisition of the attached described property be

- Approved
- Disapproved. If so, state reason(s) for disapproval: _____

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

FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT

All Members Voting Yes

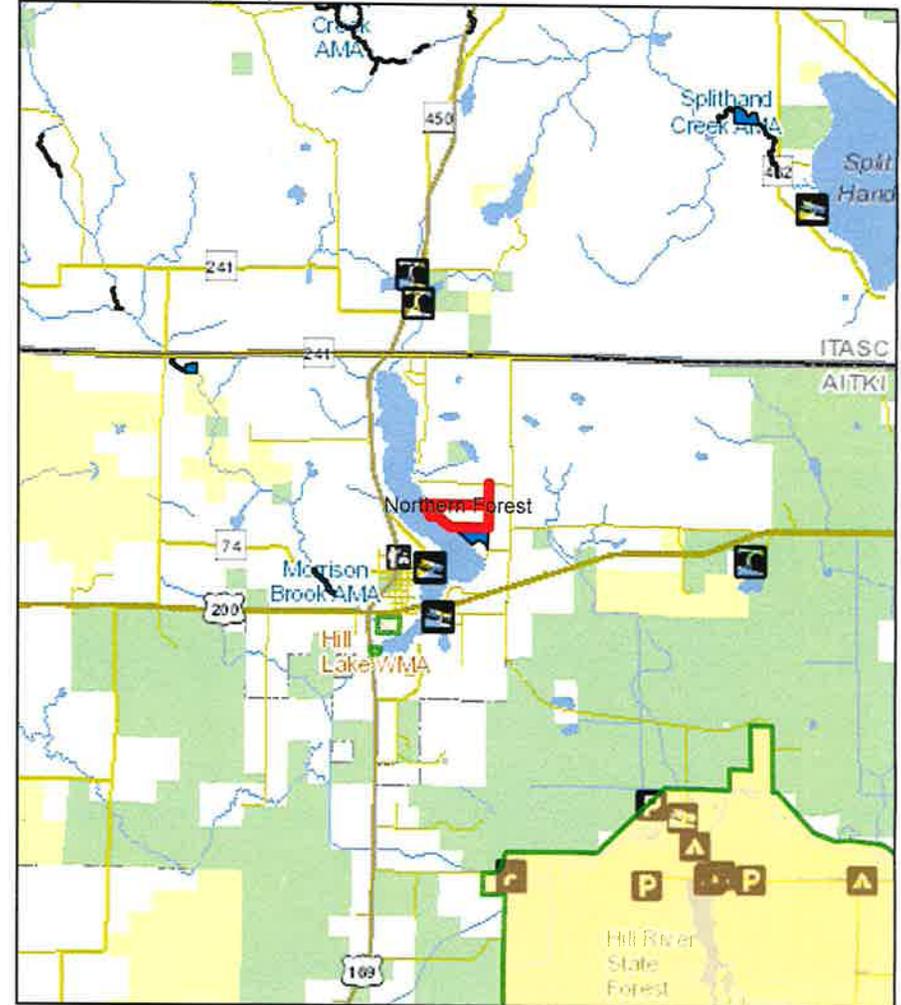
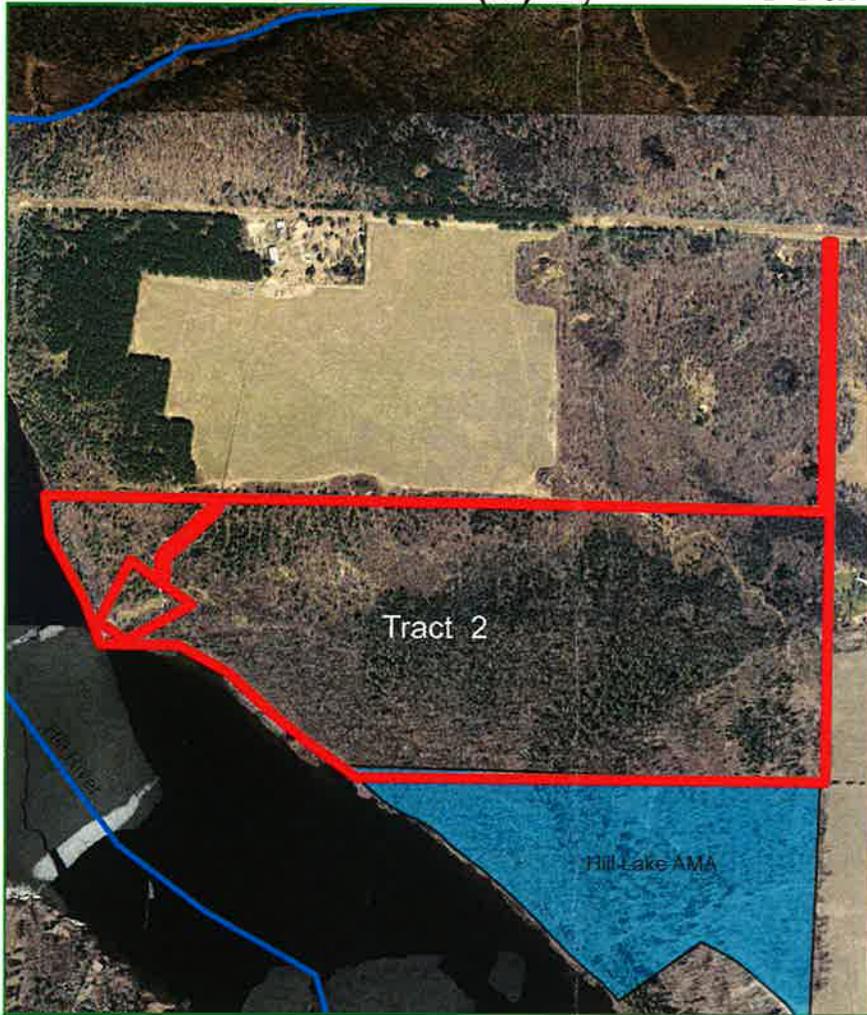
STATE OF MINNESOTA}
COUNTY OF AITKIN}

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 26th day of November 2019, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and seal this 26th day of November, 2019

Jessica Seibert
County Administrator

Hill Lake Aquatic Management Area (AMA), T: 52, R : 26, S: 12 Tract(s) 2, Aitkin County, ~98.6 Acres, 2,354 Shoreline Feet.



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0 0.75 1.5 3 4.5 6 Miles

- Approximate fee_Acq 160807
- Confluences and Flow Direction
- NRCS Easement
- TNC Lands
- USFWS WPAs
- State AMAs
- Restorable Wetland
- County Boundaries

- RIM Reserve
- State WMAs
- State SNAs
- Forest/Prairie Transition
- Metropolitan Urbanizing Area
- Northern Forest
- Prairie
- Southeast Forest



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Note: This map shows the approximate relative location of property boundaries and other features but was not prepared by a professional land surveyor. This map is provided for informational purposes only and may not be sufficient or appropriate for legal, engineering, or surveying purposes.