



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: December 17, 2019

Title of Item: MOU Mississippi River Water Trail

<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	Action Requested: <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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Submitted by: Land Commissioner	Department: Land
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Presenter (Name and Title): Rich Courtemanche	Estimated Time Needed: n/a
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Summary of Issue:

The attached MOU solidifies an arrangement for a joint project with the Land Dept. and the Mississippi River Headwaters Board (MHB). Aitkin County Parks will construct and maintain kiosks on the Mississippi River Water Trail at the Waldeck Public boat access at Highway 169, Kimball Carry-in access in Spencer Township, and at the boat access at Aitkin Campground. In return, the MHB will design and print signs to display at the kiosks. The goal is to promote day trips on the river. A pilot project was constructed from Berglund Park to the Waldeck landing in 2019. The MHB would like a MOU in place before the project is expanded. The MOU was reviewed by the Jim Ratz, County Attorney, who requested that due to the language and nature of the request resembling a contract, that the County Board review and approve before allowing the Land Commissioner to sign the MOU.

Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:

Recommended Action/Motion:
Approve motion

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:*

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

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Mississippi Headwaters Board

And

Aitkin County

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into on this the ___ day of _____, 20__ by and between the Mississippi Headwater Board and Aitkin County.

Whereas, the Mississippi Headwaters Board (MHB) was created in 1980 as an alternative to federal control of the Mississippi River, and our mission is to protect the Natural, Recreational, Cultural, Historical, and Scientific values of the Mississippi River, and

Whereas, the Mississippi Headwaters Board has received funding to help develop a signage project on the Mississippi River and contributing tributaries, and

Whereas, Aitkin County has agreed to participate in this signage project to help with the recreational and natural protection of the waterway system,

NOW THEREFORE, the Mississippi Headwaters Board and Aitkin County hereby enter into this Memorandum of Understanding as follows:

A. The MHB agrees:

- To develop content, graphic design, and fabrication of signage for the project.
- After signage is installed, replace signage as needed for the next 5 years on a shared 50% cost basis with Aitkin county.

B. Aitkin County agrees:

- Aitkin County will purchase materials, install signage, and maintain signage after installed for a period of 5 years..
- Aitkin County will produce GIS maps for the stretch of the Mississippi River signage project.
- After signage is installed, replace signage as needed for the next 5 years on a shared 50% cost basis with MHB.

Funding

Funds, as long as they are available, will be provided by Enbridge to the MHB, and then be distributed to Aitkin county for time for production of GIS maps. Enbridge will provide funds via MHB to fund content production, graphic design, and fabrication of signage.

Duration

This MOU is at-will and may be modified by mutual consent of authorized officials from MHB and Aitkin County. This MOU shall become effective upon signature by the authorized officials and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by any one of the partners by mutual consent or after a 5 year duration of the MOU.

The above represents the full and entire scope of this Memorandum of Understanding and revokes any and all prior agreements or understandings between the parties hereto. This Memorandum of Understanding can only be altered in writing signed by all parties hereto.

Mississippi Headwaters Board

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