



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request



Requested Meeting Date: November 10, 2020

Title of Item: CPL Grant Land Acquisition

<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) <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: n/a
Summary of Issue: <p>On September 10, 2020, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution to allow ACLD to obtain a grant to purchase two properties using a Conservation Partners Legacy (CPL) Grant. ACLD was successful in obtaining the \$226,400 grant with an additional County contribution of \$23,200. The first property property in Jewett (T45R24) was purchased and closed recently. However, the second property sold to others who are not interested in selling.</p> <p>Rather than forfeit the remainder of the grant monies, a replacement property was identified by staff. The landowner was approached and is a willing seller. The property is a 40-acre inholding in the Cornish High Conservation Value Forest (Sec 26, T551 R23). The property has been appraised at \$62,400. The remaining grant funds will cover this acquisition. DNR has already approved the site for acquisition.</p> <p>The existing County Board resolution is significant to move forward with the purchase.</p> <p>ACLD is seeking a board motion to substitute the Cornish property (Sec 26, T551 R23) and use the grant monies to complete the purchase.</p>		
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:		
Recommended Action/Motion: Approve motion to allow ACLD to purchase the Cornish property (Sec 26, T551 R23) using CPL grant monies.		
Financial Impact: Is there a cost associated with this request? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$ \$62,400 Is this budgeted? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i> Monies and grant were approved by September 10, 2020 board resolution.		

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



CORNISH T51N-R23W



Acres shown are approximate.

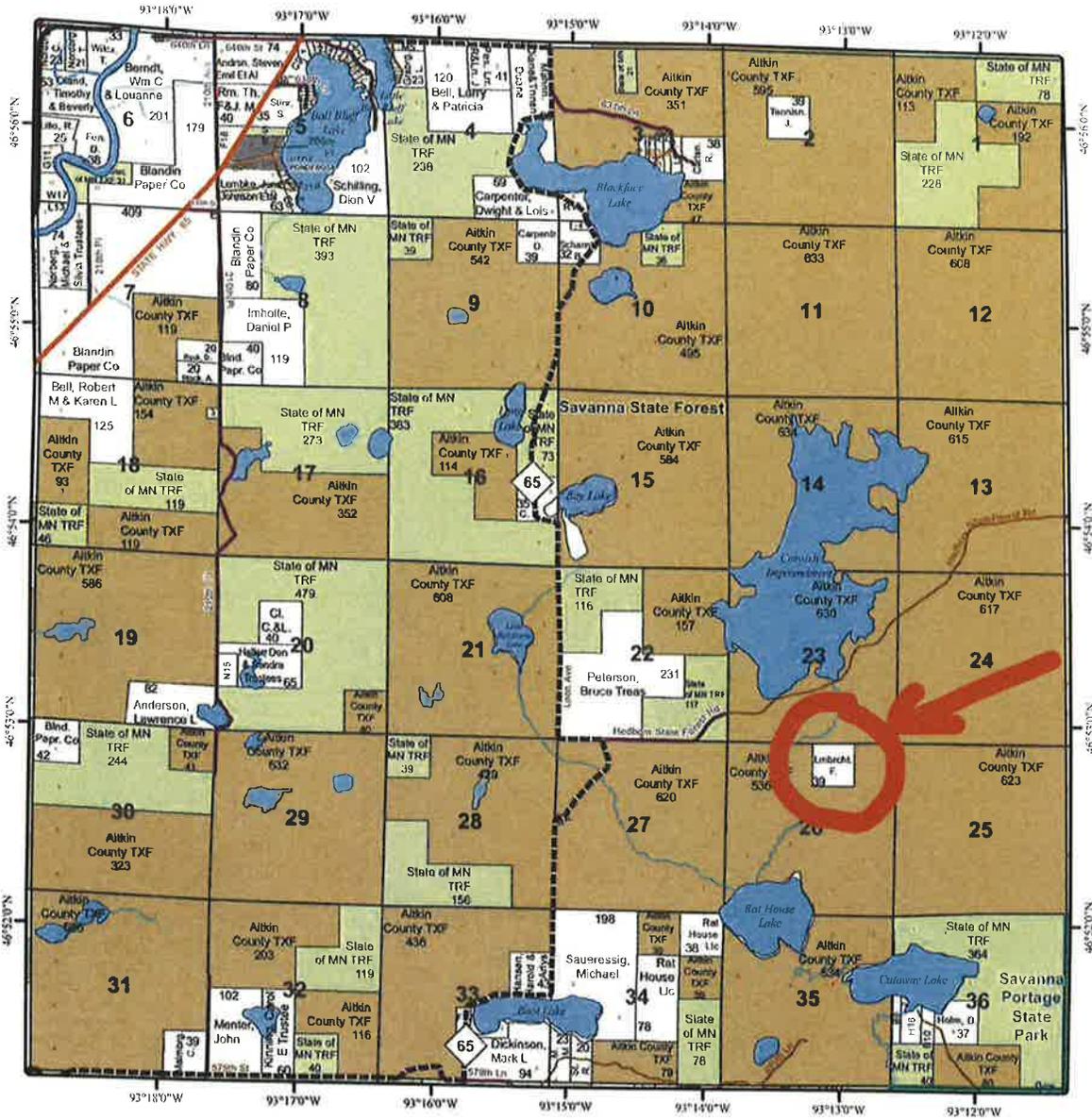
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Dennis Thompson

From: Varble, Kathy (DNR) <kathy.varble@state.mn.us>
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2020 8:19 AM
To: Dennis Thompson
Subject: RE: Aitkin CPL grant

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Hi Dennis,

This is approved. You can move forward with this acquisition.

Thanks,
Kathy

From: Dennis Thompson [mailto:dennis.thompson@co.aitkin.mn.us]
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2020 8:14 AM
To: Varble, Kathy (DNR) <kathy.varble@state.mn.us>
Subject: RE: Aitkin CPL grant

OK, thanks!

From: Varble, Kathy (DNR) <kathy.varble@state.mn.us>
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2020 8:13 AM
To: Dennis Thompson <dennis.thompson@co.aitkin.mn.us>
Subject: RE: Aitkin CPL grant

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Hi Dennis,

No, I haven't heard yet. I'll check in with our division director today.

I apologize for the delay.

Thanks,
Kathy

From: Dennis Thompson [mailto:dennis.thompson@co.aitkin.mn.us]
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2020 8:12 AM
To: Varble, Kathy (DNR) <kathy.varble@state.mn.us>
Subject: Aitkin CPL grant

Dennis Thompson

From: Varble, Kathy (DNR) <kathy.varble@state.mn.us>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 6:03 AM
To: Dennis Thompson
Subject: RE: CPL Grant - Aitkin County

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Hi Dennis,

Yes, it is possible to change parcels. When you have one identified, please let me know and I will pass it along to division leadership to have it approved.

Thanks!
Kathy

From: Dennis Thompson [mailto:dennis.thompson@co.aitkin.mn.us]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 3:59 PM
To: Varble, Kathy (DNR) <kathy.varble@state.mn.us>
Subject: CPL Grant - Aitkin County

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Hi Kathy,

The Jewett Impoundment property looks like it is on track with a closing date coming up soon! We are so excited about this project!! The other property our grant looked at acquiring was adjacent to Cowan Brook. This property was on the market when the grant was written. Shortly after being notified we were awarded the grant, we found out this property sold to someone else. Trying diligently with the new owner to work something out, it's looking like the new owner is not interested in selling the property.

Question I have, would it be possible to reallocate grant funds to a different parcel with equal management concerns?

Thanks!

Dennis

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Dennis Thompson

From: Varble, Kathy (DNR) <kathy.varble@state.mn.us>
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 8:57 AM
To: Dennis Thompson
Subject: RE: Other fee title acquisition property in aitkin county

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Hi Dennis,

I've got a couple questions for you about this parcel, do you have time to talk about it today?

I'll be free after about 930.

Thanks,
Kathy

From: Dennis Thompson [mailto:dennis.thompson@co.aitkin.mn.us]
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 3:19 PM
To: Varble, Kathy (DNR) <kathy.varble@state.mn.us>
Subject: Other fee title acquisition property in aitkin county

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Hi Kathy,

Here is the other property we would like to use unspent CPL grant dollars one. It borders the tributary that comes out of the Cornish Impoundment, which just recently had a new control structure installed. Water then flows to Rat House Lake. Let me know what you think.

Thanks!

Dennis

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

ADOPTED September 10, 2019

By Commissioner: Niemi

20190910-072

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

FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT
STATE OF MINNESOTA}
COUNTY OF AITKIN}

All Members Voting

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