



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: May 25, 2021

Title of Item: Sign MOU for ACTISMA

<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA	Action Requested:	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item
<input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	<input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing* <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>

Submitted by: Dennis Thompson	Department: Land
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Presenter (Name and Title): Dennis Thompson, Assistant Land Commissioner	Estimated Time Needed: NA
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Summary of Issue:
The newly formed 'Aitkin County Terrestrial Invasive Species Management Association' (ACTISMA) has a MOU developed and is looking for all partners to sign on. Partners include: Rice Lake Refuge, MN DNR, MN DOT, Aitkin County Land Department, Aitkin County Highway Department, and Aitkin County SWCD.

Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:
Inclusion in the ACTISMA will strengthen efforts to combat invasive species.

Recommended Action/Motion:
Motion to sign the MOU.

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

Memorandum of Understanding

Between the partners of the Aitkin County Terrestrial Invasive Species Management Association (ACTISMA)

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources-Forestry, Minnesota Department of Transportation, Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Aitkin County Land Department, Aitkin County Highway Department, Aitkin County Soil and Water Conservation District.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into between the above listed parties.

The parties agree to the following:

- 1) To share knowledge of invasive species identification, management, locations, and reporting systems.
- 2) To share resources where applicable and allowed. Including, but not limited to: funding, labor, staff time, equipment, and materials.
- 3) To allow individual members to obtain new sources of funding under the umbrella of the ACTISMA and allow the individual members respective agency to act as the fiscal agent for said funding.
- 4) To allow invasive species management efforts by an individual member to cross administrative boundaries/ownership where applicable and reasonable.
- 5) Meet quarterly to discuss with the group updates, experiences, invasive successes, deficiencies, and other pertinent information.

By agreeing to these items, the ACTISMA hopes to reach the goal of effective, efficient, and coordinated invasive species management in Aitkin County. This agreement shall begin once signed by all parties.

Agency and Signature:

Date:

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