



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: August 10, 2021

Title of Item: Snake River 1W1P Organizational options

<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 type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*
Submitted by: Steve Hughes		Department: Aitkin County SWCD
Presenter (Name and Title): Steve Hughes SWCD District Manager		Estimated Time Needed: 15 minutes
Summary of Issue: <p>I will present 3 options to the County Board for their consideration. The 1 Watershed 1 Plan (1W1P) effort in the Snake River Watershed is at the point where an agreement on organizational structure for the future is necessary. Option 1 is a "Memorandum of Agreement". It would be simple, but is not legally enforceable and cannot directly receive funds. Option 2 is a "Joint Powers Collaboration" which is relatively simple but has significant restrictions in its decision-making authorities and efficiency. Option 3 is "Joint Powers Entity" (JPE). The JPE is most similar to the existing Snake River Joint Powers Board that has functioned effectively for many years.</p> <p>We are mindful that these efforts require County Board and SWCD time commitments. The JPE (Option3) appears to effective and should provide the best balance of County and SWCD involvement, together with enough authority to carry out business effectively.</p>		
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments: <p>The existing Snake River JPB could be restructured to the new JPE if the JPE is the chosen option. This should provide a smooth transition from existing efforts to the expanded efforts of a 1W1P.</p>		
Recommended Action/Motion: <p>The Aitkin County SWCD recommends: Option 3 Joint Powers Entity</p>		
Financial Impact: <p>Is there a cost associated with this request? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$ County Board and SWCD Board time serving on the JPE.</p> <p>Is this budgeted? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i></p> <p>Possibly additional County Commissioner, County staff, SWCD Board, and SWCD staff time.</p>		

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