



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

**Requested Meeting Date:** December 21, 2021

**Title of Item:** Natural Resources Advisory Committee Appointments

<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA	<b>Action Requested:</b>	<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) <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*
<b>Submitted by:</b> Dennis Thompson		<b>Department:</b> Land
<b>Presenter (Name and Title):</b> Dennis Thompson, Interim Land Commissioner		<b>Estimated Time Needed:</b> NA
<b>Summary of Issue:</b> See attached memorandum		
<b>Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:</b> Find and select other individuals to serve on the committee.		
<b>Recommended Action/Motion:</b> Approve appoint of the recommended applicants.		
<b>Financial Impact:</b> 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? \$ Is this budgeted? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i> Committee members are paid a per diem of \$35 per meeting plus current IRS mileage rate to and from meetings.		

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



## Aitkin County Land Department

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502 Minnesota Ave N  
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218-927-7364  
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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** December 8, 2021

**TO:** Aitkin County Board of Commissioners  
Jessica Seibert, County Administrator

**FROM:** Dennis Thompson, Interim Land Commissioner

**RE:** Natural Resources Advisory Committee Appointments

I have reviewed the applications for the openings on the Natural Resources Advisory Committee. There are 3 openings, one each for Commissioner District 1, 2, and 3. I recommend that Steve Hughes be appointed to represent Commissioner District 1. I also recommend Tom Veenker be appointed to represent Commissioner District 2. I would also recommend Frank Turnock be reappointed to another term to represent Commissioner District 3.

If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact me at (218) 927-7364 or by e-mail at: [dennis.thompson@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:dennis.thompson@co.aitkin.mn.us)

**MINNESOTA OPEN APPOINTMENT ACT  
APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ON COUNTY/STATE AGENCY**

NAME OF AGENCY OR COMMITTEE YOU WISH TO SERVE ON:

Natural Resources Advisory Committee

AITKIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT

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Minnesota Statutes 15.0597, state that the application shall include a "statement that the nominee satisfies any legally prescribed qualifications and any other information the nominating person feels be helpful to the appointing authority." (May include employment, community service experience, or education that would be pertinent to this appointment)

I have 6 years of Forestry experience (1980-1986)

I have served as Aitkin County Soil & Water Conservation District Manager since 1986

I have a deep interest in conservation & wise use of our natural resources

I, the undersigned, hereby state that I satisfy, to the best of my knowledge, all legally prescribed qualifications for the position sought.

Steve R. Hughes  
Signature of Applicant

Nov. 29, 2021  
Date

If applicant is being nominated by another person or group, the above signature indicates consent to nomination.

Is this application submitted by appointing authority? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

Is this application submitted at the suggestion of appointing authority? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

Please return application to the Aitkin County Administrator's office, located at  
307 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW - Room 310, Aitkin, MN 56431

NAME OF APPLICANT:

Steve Hughes

STREET ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

39113 355<sup>th</sup> Street  
Aitkin, MN 56431

PHONE NUMBERS:

DAYS 218 927-7284

EVENINGS 218 670-0363

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Date Appointed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Term Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_

Term #: \_\_\_\_\_

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MINNESOTA OPEN APPOINTMENT ACT  
APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ON COUNTY/STATE AGENCY

NAME OF AGENCY OR COMMITTEE YOU WISH TO SERVE ON:

AITKIN COUNTY NRAC

AITKIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2

Minnesota Statutes 15.0597, state that the application shall include a "statement that the nominee satisfies any legally prescribed qualifications and any other information the nominating person feels be helpful to the appointing authority." (May include employment, community service experience, or education that would be pertinent to this appointment)

As a former county employee (county  
surveyor 2001-2015), I feel that I am  
quite familiar with the issues that  
this board deals with.

I would hope that my experience  
would be beneficial/helpful to this  
committee.

I, the undersigned, hereby state that I satisfy, to the best of my knowledge, all legally prescribed qualifications for the position sought.

T H Veenker  
Signature of Applicant

12/02/2021  
Date

If applicant is being nominated by another person or group, the above signature indicates consent to nomination.

Is this application submitted by appointing authority? Yes  No

Is this application submitted at the suggestion of appointing authority? Yes  No

Please return application to the Aitkin County Administrator's office, located at  
307 2nd Street NW - Room 310, Aitkin, MN 56431

NAME OF APPLICANT: THOMAS H. VEENKER

STREET ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:  
38211 STATE HIGHWAY 18  
AITKIN, MN 56431

PHONE NUMBERS:  
DAYS 218-678-3792  
EVENINGS 218-678-3792

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Date Appointed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Term Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_ Term #: \_\_\_\_\_

**MINNESOTA OPEN APPOINTMENT ACT  
APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ON COUNTY/STATE AGENCY**

NAME OF AGENCY OR COMMITTEE YOU WISH TO SERVE ON:

Natural Resources Advisory Committee

AITKIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3

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I would be honored to serve another  
term on the committee

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I, the undersigned, hereby state that I satisfy, to the best of my knowledge, all legally prescribed qualifications for the position sought.

Frank Turnock \_\_\_\_\_ 11-16-71  
Signature of Applicant Date

If applicant is being nominated by another person or group, the above signature indicates consent to nomination.

Is this application submitted by appointing authority? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

Is this application submitted at the suggestion of appointing authority? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

**Please return application to the Aitkin County Administrator's office, located at  
307 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW - Room 310, Aitkin, MN 56431**

NAME OF APPLICANT: Frank Turnock

STREET ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:  
13196 360<sup>th</sup> St  
McGregor MN 55760

PHONE NUMBERS:  
DAYS 218 838 7515  
EVENINGS 218 768 2713

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Date Appointed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Term Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_ Term #: \_\_\_\_\_