



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

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

**Title of Item:** Resolution for CPL Grant

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	<b>Action Requested:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input checked="" 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*
<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> 10 minutes
<b>Summary of Issue:</b> <p>Aitkin County Land Department would like to utilize funds from the Conservation Partners Legacy (CPL) Grant program to purchase a property that is land-locked in an important management zone within the county. The landowner is not interested in a land exchange. The Land Department would furnish the required 10% match of non-state funds or in-kind resources. Owning the property will simplify management and alleviate access issues. The CPL Grant program is administered by the Minnesota DNR.</p> <p>In April, the County Board adopted a resolution to support an application for Expedited Conservation Projects (ECP) grant funds to purchase this property. It was later realized that the proper funding source for this type of purchase would be a Conservation Partners Legacy grant. An application for ECP funds was never submitted.</p>		
<b>Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:</b> A deny of the resolution will result in land-locked properties remaining in private ownership. Access and boundary issues would remain. Land management would be fragmented due to mixed ownership.		
<b>Recommended Action/Motion:</b> Adopt resolution		
<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? \$ 3,600 (In-kind and/or cash match) Is this budgeted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i> Funds from Memorial Forests. MS 459.06 Subdivision 2 - Development of dedicated forest. Match approximately \$600 In-kind and \$3,000 Cash		

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

By Commissioner: xx

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**Conservation Partners Legacy (CPL) Grant**

**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 an important landlocked property, 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**, 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 Interim Land Commissioner is hereby authorized to execute such agreements as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of Aitkin County.

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

**FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT**

**All Members Voting Yes**

**STATE OF MINNESOTA}  
COUNTY OF AITKIN}**

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 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 2021, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and seal this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 2021

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Jessica Seibert  
County Administrator