



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: February 22, 2022

Title of Item: Discretionary EAW - Gun Lake Family Campground

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input 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: Andrew Carlstrom		Department: Planning & Zoning
Presenter (Name and Title): Andrew Carlstrom, Environmental Services Director		Estimated Time Needed: 15 minutes
Summary of Issue: <p>On January 21, 2022, the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB) received a Citizen's Petition requesting an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for the proposed Gun Lake Family Campground. When a petition is filed, MN Rules 4410.1100 Subp. 5 directs EQB to designate a Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU) pursuant to MN Rules 4410.0500. EQB determined Aitkin County is the appropriate responsible governmental unit to decide the need for an EAW.</p> <p>The EAW Committee (which is an internal working group with no authority to decide or take action) met on January 31, 2022. The Committee reviewed letters from attorneys representing Gun Lake Environmental Alliance, Gun Lake Family Campground, as well as reviewing and discussing the EAW Citizen Petition. On February 7, 2022, Planning and Zoning received an amendment to the initial proposal of 49 sites to decrease campsites to a total of 22. On February 15, 2022, the EAW Committee discussed findings of facts and deliberated for over 2 hours, but was split on whether to recommend an approve/deny to the Board of Commissioners the Citizen Petition for EAW for Gun Lake Family Campground.</p>		
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board could approve request for EAW with new proposal of 22 sites. 2. Board could deny request for EAW with new proposal of 22 sites. 		
Recommended Action/Motion: 		
Financial Impact: Is there a cost associated with this request? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$ Is this budgeted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i> As noted above.		

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