

LG220 Exempt Permit-Wealthwood Rod & Gun Club

**BE IT RESOLVED**, The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners agrees to approve the Application for Exempt Permit – Form LG220 – of the Wealthwood Rod & Gun Club, at the following location – Wealthwood Rod & Gun Club, which has an address of 23573 420th Place, Aitkin, MN 56431 – Hazelton Township. (Note: Date of activity for Raffle – October 1, 2022)

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

FOUR 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and seal this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022

  
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Jessica Seibert  
County Administrator

By Commissioner: Westerlund

20220308-031

**Establish Precincts and Polling Places-Unorg Townships**

**WHEREAS**, the legislature of the State of Minnesota has been redistricted; and

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statute 204B.14, subd. 3(d) requires that precinct boundaries must be reestablished within 60 days of when the legislature has been redistricted or at least 19 weeks before the state primary election, whichever comes first;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners, acting on behalf of the unorganized townships in Aitkin County reestablishes the boundaries of the voting precincts as they currently exist and designates the polling place as follows:

**Precinct:**

**Location:**

NE Aitkin Unorganized Precinct  
(51-22 & 52-22)

Mail Ballot  
Government Center  
307 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW, Aitkin, MN

Unorganized Township 45-24

Mail Ballot  
Government Center  
307 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW, Aitkin, MN

Unorganized Township 47-24

Mail Ballot  
Government Center  
307 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW, Aitkin, MN

NW Aitkin Unorganized Precinct  
(52-27, 51-27, 50-27, 49-27,  
48-27, 52-24, 52-25, 51-25,

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Sponsorship of the Aitkin Itasca Mille Lacs VCET

**WHEREAS**, Aitkin County is a member of the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust; and

**WHEREAS**, a current member of the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust must sponsor a new entity for membership; and

**WHEREAS**, the Aitkin Itasca Mille Lacs VCET desires to become a member for the purpose of obtaining property/casualty and general liability coverage.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Aitkin County sponsors the Aitkin Itasca Mille Lacs VCET for membership in Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust.

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CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION OF COUNTY BOARD OF AITKIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

ADOPTED March 8, 2022

By Commissioner: Westerlund

20220308-033

Palisade Fire Department Donation

**WHEREAS**, Aitkin County is generally authorized to accept donations of real and personal property with a 2/3 majority vote pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 465.03 for the benefit of its citizens.

**WHEREAS**, the following persons and entities have offered to contribute the cash amounts set forth below to the county:

Palisade Fire Department \$200.00

**WHEREAS**, the terms or conditions of the donations, if any, are as follows:

Palisade Fire Department Aitkin County Search and Rescue

**WHEREAS**, all such donations have been contributed to the county for the benefit of its citizens, as allowed by law.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners finds that it is appropriate to accept the donations offered.

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**Support a Mississippi-Grand Rapids One Watershed, One Plan**

**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources has developed policies for coordination and development of comprehensive watershed management plans, also known as One Watershed, One Plan, consistent with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.801, Comprehensive Watershed management Planning Programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.301, Comprehensive Local Water Management Act, authorizes Minnesota Counties to develop and implement a local water management plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103C.331, subdivision 11, Comprehensive Plan, authorizes Minnesota Soil and Watershed Conservation Districts to develop and implement a comprehensive plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the counties and soil and water conservation districts within the Mississippi River-Grand Rapids Watershed (Hydrologic Unit Code 07010103), as delineated in attached One Watershed, One Plan Suggested Boundary Map, have interest in developing a comprehensive watershed management plan for this area.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Aitkin County recognizes and supports watershed-scale planning efforts consistent with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.801, also known as One Watershed, One Plan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Aitkin County welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with the counties and soil and water conservation districts within the Mississippi River- Grand Rapids Watershed for watershed-scale planning efforts in the future; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Aitkin County supports an application to the Board of Water and Soil Resources for a planning grant to develop a comprehensive watershed management plan and anticipates entering into a Memorandum of Agreement with the counties and soil and water conservation districts, within the Mississippi River-Grand Rapids Watershed, to collaborate on this effort, pending selection as a recipient of a planning grant.

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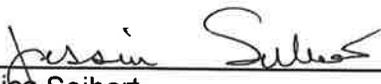
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**HAVA Grant**

**WHEREAS**, The Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State (OSS) is currently soliciting applications from jurisdictions for grants to purchase voting equipment.

**WHEREAS**, Each county shall initially be eligible for the following maximum HAVA grant distribution amount: \$20,000 flat-rate per county + \$.287 per Voting Age Population as captured by tile 2020 U.S. Census

**WHEREAS**, Undistributed funds (funds not requested by counties, or funds allocated to counties for which prerequisites are not completed), as well as unspent and returned funds from counties will be subject to follow-on redistribution per a to-be- determined "2nd round" formula.

**WHEREAS**, The HAVA Grants Program does not require counties to match any amount of funding to be eligible to receive a grant award amount.

**WHEREAS**, HAVA Grants Program funds may be used by counties for any improvements or enhancements to accessibility or security of elections. OSS interprets the statutory language to extend to wider IT / network/ and physical security and accessibility improvements and enhancements to county environments (virtual and physical), so long as elections functions are covered within. While OSS may be consulted on potential uses under consideration, counties are expected and encouraged to make autonomous decisions on applicability based on statutory language, and be prepared to defend and justify those decisions if audited. Of note, HAVA Grants Program funding may be applied to meet county matching requirements under the Voting Equipment Grants Authorization (VEGA) Program.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the grant application in tile form presented to this board and to be submitted to tile Office of the Secretary of State is hereby approved; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the grant application in the form presented to this board and to be submitted to the Office of tile Secretary of State is hereby approved; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that tile Board directs application for any unused HAVA grant funds to be determined at a later date on the purposes for which the grant is received; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the chief elections officer of the County and staff are directed to submit this approved grant application at the earliest opportunity; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that when the grant agreement is provided to the chief elections officer of the county, Kathleen Ryan Chief Financial Office for Aitkin County, and Elections Supervisor, that person is delegated the authority to execute that agreement and return it to tile Office of the Secretary of State without further approval by this Board.

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**Aitkin County Cervid Farm Legislation Support**

**WHEREAS**, Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a contagious fatal neurodegenerative disease afflicting white tailed deer (cervids); and

**WHEREAS**, CWD is caused by misfolded proteins called prions, which attack the brain of infected animals, resulting in death; and

**WHEREAS**, CWD has spread to 26 states, three Canadian provinces, several counties in Southeast Minnesota, and now one county in Northern Minnesota (Beltrami); and

**WHEREAS**, Nearly all CWD-infected cervids (deer) originate in captive commercial farms, of which approximately 259 are located in Minnesota; and

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota wild deer are an important source of food, recreation, and tradition for our nearly 500,000 firearm and archery hunters who in turn, generate over a half billion dollars in economic activity in rural counties; and

**WHEREAS**, CWD spread reached a crisis level in Minnesota in the spring of 2021 after several CWD infected deer were found on a Beltrami County deer farm; and

**WHEREAS**, The owners of the Beltrami County deer farm disposed several CWD-infected deer carcasses on nearby tax-forfeited land where disease carrying prions were found in the soil, allowing for their ongoing and indefinite viability.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Aitkin County Board calls upon the Minnesota Legislature to, as soon as possible, enact legislation prohibiting new captive cervid farms in the state, and further calls upon state agencies to immediately prohibit the transport of farmed cervids within the state and halt the registration of any new captive cervid farms until such time that the legislature enacts such legislation.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, That, Aitkin County Board hereby held a public hearing on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 10 AM to consider and receive public input in connection with an interim zoning ordinance placing a moratorium on any new captive cervid farms in Aitkin County, until such time that the County Board is able to study and consider enacting a permanent ordinance.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt this resolution.

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

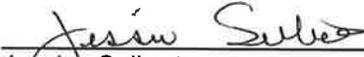
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Jessica Seibert  
County Administrator

By Commissioner: Marcotte

20220308-038

Aitkin County Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Appendix A Classification

**WHEREAS**, Aitkin County Zoning Ordinance Appendix A-Classification List contains two Solid Waste Classifications; and

**WHEREAS**, the need has risen for the additional classification of Solid Waste Transfer Station; and

**WHEREAS**, a Solid Waste Transfer Station is a less intensive use than a Solid Waste Disposal Site and shall be conditionally permitted in Farm Residential, Public, and Open zones; and

**WHEREAS**, Aitkin County Zoning Ordinance Appendix A-Classification List will now be more exhaustive and better serve Aitkin County citizens and Aitkin County Planning & Zoning into the future;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the amendment to Appendix A-Classification List to the Aitkin County Zoning Ordinance

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