



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: March 8, 2022

Title of Item: Mississippi River Grand Rapids 1W1P Resolution

<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <small>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</small>	<input 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>Aitkin and 4 other counties share the Upper Mississippi River (Grand Rapids) watershed. The affected counties are working together to apply for a planning grant to complete the 1 watershed 1 plan process for this watershed. A very large portion of Aitkin County is in this watershed, as shown on the enclosed map.</p> <p>We are requesting that the County Board adopt the enclosed resolution to approve staff to apply for 1 Watershed 1 Plan funds.</p>		
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments: 		
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i> Continued County Commissioner, County staff, SWCD Board, and SWCD staff time.		

**Resolution to support a Mississippi River – Grand Rapids Watershed
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 Program; 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 Water 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 the 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.

Certificate of Recording Officer

I, the undersigned hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the Aitkin County at its regular monthly board meeting held on this the < DATE > ,

And that I am duly authorized to execute this certificate.

Aitkin County Administrator

(Signature)

Mississippi River Grand Rapids Watershed Planning Boundary Hydrologic Unit Code (07010103)

