



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: March 14, 2023

Title of Item: Northern Waters Land Trust Support Letter

<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*
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Submitted by: DJ Thompson	Department: Land
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Presenter (Name and Title): DJ Thompson, Land Commissioner	Estimated Time Needed: 5 Minutes
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Summary of Issue:

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources began a project to determine if the state should attempt to acquire some of the former Potlatch lands in 14 northern Minnesota counties now owned by The Conservation Fund. In December, the County Board signed a letter of support for that project.

Since then, the Northern Waters Land Trust (NWLTL) has stepped in and will be submitting a grant proposal to the Outdoor Heritage Fund to acquire lands that the DNR is not interested in but others, including counties and tribal governments, are interested in. This includes 8 parcels of land in Spalding Township that the NWLTL, after acquisition, would transfer to Aitkin County for permanent conservation management and protection.

NWLTL is requesting the County Board confirm its support of the project.

Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:

Recommended Action/Motion:
Sign letter of support for Northern Waters Land Trust proposal to acquire then transfer land to Aitkin County.

Financial Impact:

Is there a cost associated with this request? Yes No

What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$ There is no direct cost.

Is this budgeted? Yes No *Please Explain:*



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Northern Waters Land Trust
Kathy DonCarlos
Land Conservation Coordinator
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800 Minnesota Ave. W
Walker, MN. 56484

Dear Ms. DonCarlos,

This is to confirm Aitkin County Board of Commissioners supports the Northern Waters Land Trust (NWLT) work to acquire eight (8) parcels of land currently owned by The Conservation Fund in Spalding Township, Aitkin County.

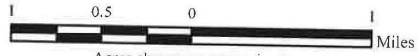
NWLT will be submitting a grant proposal to the Outdoor Heritage Fund on behalf of counties and tribal governments for this purchase. It is understood between Aitkin County and the NWLT that once acquired, these lands will be transferred to the county for permanent conservation management and protection.

Sincerely,

J. Mark Wedel
County Board Chair



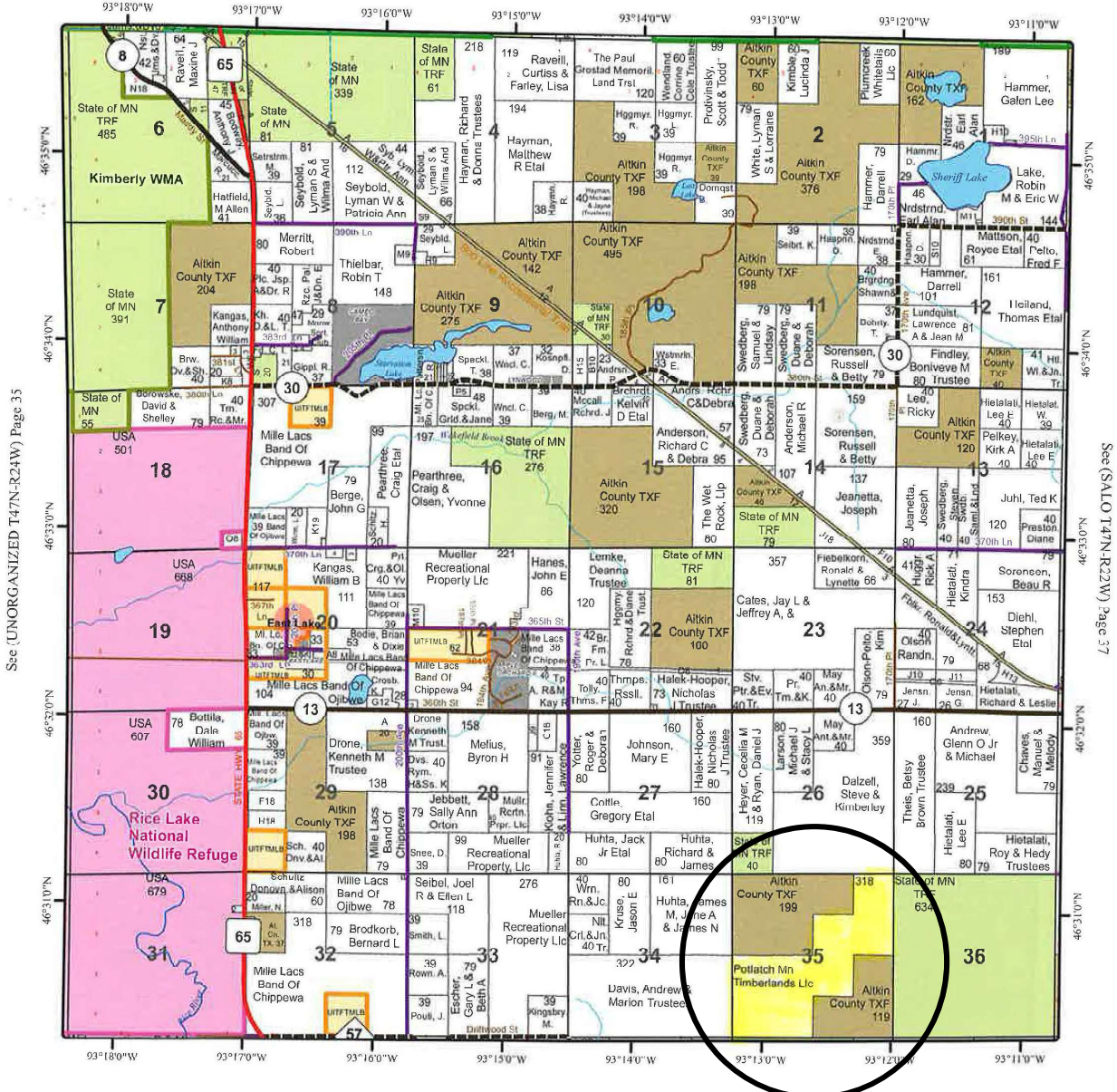
SPALDING T47N-R23W



Acres shown are approximate.
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PID #	Acres	Section	Township	Range
30-0-057300	40	35	47	23
30-0-057500	40	35	47	23
30-0-057600	40	35	47	23
30-0-058100	40	35	47	23
30-0-058200	40	35	47	23
30-0-058300	40	35	47	23
30-0-058400	40	35	47	23
30-0-058600	40	35	47	23