



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: May 9, 2023

Title of Item: Application for Grant-in-Aid Funds for Snowmobile and Ski Trails

<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input checked="" 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) <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: DJ Thompson	Department: Land	
Presenter (Name and Title): DJ Thompson, Land Commissioner		Estimated Time Needed: NA
Summary of Issue: Attached is a resolution enabling the Aitkin County Trail Administrator to apply for Grant-in-Aid funds for snowmobile and ski trails.		
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:		
Recommended Action/Motion: Adopt resolution for annual grant application.		
Financial Impact: Is there a cost associated with this request? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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>		

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

SNOWMOBILE / SKI TRAIL FUNDING

WHEREAS, Local units of government can apply for Grant-in-Aid funds for trail development, maintenance, grooming, and administration from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources at the rate of 65% reimbursement of the cost of trail maintenance and 90% reimbursement of costs of grooming, and

WHEREAS, Aitkin County does not have the facilities to maintain the entire trail system in Aitkin County, and

WHEREAS, Snowmobile Clubs have maintained these trails in the past, and wish to contract with the County for maintaining trails during the 2023-2024 winter season, and

WHEREAS, these trails benefit the winter recreation, resort, industry, and economy of Aitkin County,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Aitkin County Trail Administrator be authorized to apply for Grant-in-Aid assistance funds for snowmobile trail maintenance and grooming, and ski trail maintenance and grooming for the following trails.

Aitkin Sno-Drifters Trails
McGrath/Finlayson Trails
Tamarack Trails
Haypoint Trails
Palisade Trails
Mille Lacs Trails
No Achen / LLCC Ski Trails

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Aitkin County Trail Administrator be authorized to contract for the 2023-2024 winter season for the development, maintenance, and grooming of the aforementioned trails with each of the corresponding interested clubs.

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

FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT

All Members Voting xxx

**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 9th day of May 2023, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and seal this 9th day of May, 2023

Jessica Seibert
County Administrator