



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: June 13, 2023

Title of Item: Dem-Con Companies requesting Certificate of Need

<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) <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: Environmental Services / Zoning
Presenter (Name and Title): Andrew Carlstrom, Environmental Services Director		Estimated Time Needed: 5 minutes
Summary of Issue: <p>Dem-Con Companies industrial landfill located in Keewatin, MN. is requesting support from Aitkin County with their "Certificate of Need" with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). They are requesting Aitkin County Board of Commissioners support and to adopt a resolution in favor of proposed expansion of solid waste disposal and recycling opportunities to their Keewatin facility. Please see letter and a proposed resolution.</p>		
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments: Motion to deny support of Certificate of Need for Dem-Con.		
Recommended Action/Motion: Motion to approve resolution and support Certificate of Need for Dem-Con Companies Keewatin Facility and request Board Chair signature on letter of support.		
Financial Impact: <i>Is there a cost associated with this request?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <i>What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$</i> <i>Is this budgeted?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i>		

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

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

PROPOSED June 13, 2023

By Commissioner:

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Aitkin County's Support for Certificate of Need for Dem-Con Solid Waste Disposal Facility in Keewatin, Minnesota

WHEREAS, Aitkin County and its private waste haulers continuously seek more economic and efficient opportunities for regional solid waste disposal; and

WHEREAS, Dem-Con Companies is proposing an expansion of their regional solid waste disposal and recycling located at their Keewatin, Minnesota facility, and is requesting County Board support;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners does hereby support this Certificate of Need with the MPCA for future operations at the Keewatin Dem-Con landfill.

FOUR MEMBERS PRESENT

All Members Voting

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 13th day of June 2023 and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and seal this 13th day of June 2023

Jessica Seibert
County Administrator



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June 13, 2023

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Solid Waste Permitting Unit
520 Lafayette Road North
St. Paul, MN 55155-4194

Mr. Bill Keegan, P.E.
President Dem-Con Companies
13020 Dem-Con Drive
Shakopee, MN 55379

RE: Letter of Support for a Regional Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Facility

Dear Solid Waste Permitting Unit,

Aitkin County is wholeheartedly committed to the waste management goals of the State which is to “foster an integrated waste management system in a manner appropriate to the characteristics of the waste stream and thereby protect the states land, air, water and other natural resources and the public health”.

As stated in the 2013 Aitkin County Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan (County Plan), “The County is concerned with the rising cost of waste management, the environmental impacts of land disposal, long term waste abatement solutions, and achieving the reduction and recycling goals set by the State”. For this reason, Aitkin County believes that there is a need for a regional Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) disposal facility that would improve logistics, help support recycling, and be environmentally and economically beneficial to Aitkin County, its residents, and the State of Minnesota.

Aitkin County currently disposes of approximately 8,846 tons of MSW on an annual basis and this volume could be available for disposal at a regional facility if the economics and environmental factors are favorable to the County and its private waste haulers. Finally, Aitkin County has recently become aware of opportunities for the private sector to provide the County with local and regional waste disposal and recycling in Keewatin, Minnesota. For the reasons stated above and in the approved County Plan, Aitkin County is supportive of the need for a regional or local MSW disposal facility in Keewatin.

Sincerely,

J. Mark Wedel
Aitkin County Board Chairperson