



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request



Requested Meeting Date: August 22, 2023

Title of Item: Expansion of Aitkin Recycling Center

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA	Action Requested:	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested	
<input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item
<input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY		<input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing* <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>

Submitted by: Andrew Carlstrom	Department: Environmental Services
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Presenter (Name and Title): Andrew Carlstrom, Environmental Services Director	Estimated Time Needed: 5 Minutes
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Summary of Issue:

The Facilities Committee met on August 17, 2023 to review the proposed future land expansion of the Aitkin County Recycling Center. A wetland delineation was completed in July, and shows allowance for a modest increase in land size expansion for this facility. Looking into the future, this will allow Aitkin County to offer more services such as re-use, composting and yard waste disposal.

Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:

Motion to deny the modest land expansion at the Aitkin Recycling Center.

Recommended Action/Motion:

Motion to approve the modest land expansion at the Aitkin Recycling Centers in order to offer more services to Aitkin County citizens in the future.

Financial Impact:

Is there a cost associated with this request? Yes No

What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$ 45,000.00

Is this budgeted? Yes No *Please Explain:*

This money was budgeted for the 2023 Environmental Services Budget, with the plans to increase and improve the Aitkin County Recycling Center this year.

Aitkin Recycling Center Expansion

36488 400th Avenue, Aitkin, MN 56431. PID 31-0-036402. Est. 8.10 acres (352,685 SF)

Building: 112X72=8064 sq ft., Facility clearance: 22 feet, Doors 14X14 feet

Statistics:

- Unattended with staff Environmental Services staff daily checks. Compound locked during closed hours.
- In March 2021, Waste Management (WM) began 5 year recycling contract with Aitkin County. Single source/co-mingled recycling.
- Building has been used for recycling operations since 1991.
- WM 2022 site total recycling (first full year): 816 tons

Future Improvements:

- 2023 budgeted Capital Improvement Plan – 45,000.00
- In 2023 vision is to increase footprint of site to include compost/yard waste disposal for Aitkin residents. Current compost/yard waste site owned by WM and 5 miles south of Aitkin.

Timeline:

- Summer 2023-Wetland Delineation completed.
- Fall 2023-Tree cutting & expanding footprint to east.
- Spring/Summer 2024 – Open to accept city yard waste

Budget:

- Capital Improvement Plan budgeted \$45,000.00 for FY23.
- Future state grant opportunities for further expansions in Recycle, Reuse, and Composting.

