



By Commissioner: Leiviska

20231024-100

Mississippi River – Brainerd Comprehensive 1W1P

**WHEREAS** the Mississippi River - Brainerd Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan identifies high-priority erosion, sedimentation, and water quality problems in accordance with Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) rules and guidelines and;

**WHEREAS** the Mississippi River - Brainerd Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan identifies high-priority erosion, sedimentation, and water quality improvement projects to maintain and improve the natural resources of the watershed in accordance with Board of Water Soil Resources (BWSR) rules and guidelines and;

**WHEREAS** the Mississippi River – Brainerd Comprehensive Local Watershed Management Plan replaces the Aitkin County Comprehensive Water Management Plan for the area of the county identified within the Plan.

**WHEREAS** the County supports sending the final draft plan of the Mississippi River - Brainerd Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan to BWSR for review and.

**WHEREAS** the BWSR Board will review and approve the Mississippi River - Brainerd Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan according to Minnesota Statutes §103B.101, Subdivision 14.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Aitkin County adopts the Mississippi River - Brainerd Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan as its Comprehensive Plan within the Mississippi River - Brainerd Watershed from 2023 to 2033 upon approval from the BWSR Board.

Commissioner Sample seconded the adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote

FOUR MEMBERS PRESENT

All Members Voting Yes

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 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and seal this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023

  
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Jessica Seibert  
County Administrator

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**SPONSORSHIP RESOLUTION**

**PROJECT SPONSORSHIP RESOLUTION FOR SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP PURSUIT OF 2023 LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (LRIP) FROM THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF LONG POINT PLACE (BRIDGE ROAD) FROM MINNESOTA TRUNK HIGHWAY 65 TO 209<sup>TH</sup> PLACE.**

**WHEREAS**, 102.967 million in LRIP funding is available, with a cap of \$1.5 million for each project, and

**WHEREAS**, LRIP funds can be used on reasonable elements associated with roadway construction and that other costs, including but not limited to consultant engineering and inspection, utility construction, as well as construction costs above the LRIP award will need to have alternate funding sources identified; and

**WHEREAS**, Shamrock Township wishes to pursue LRIP funds to reconstruct 2 miles of Bridge Road between Trunk Highway 65 to 209<sup>th</sup> Place to a 9-ton roadway standard to improve safety and accessibility to the residents utilizing the roadway for ingress and egress to their properties; and

**WHEREAS**, the construction on Bridge Road will benefit many agencies and people, including but not limited to MnDOT, Aitkin County, and residents as roadway geometrics will be improved to provide for safer travel and clear zones, areas below the 50-year flood elevation will be raised to provide access during historic flooding events where emergency services were typically called to assist, and residents will have year round access to their properties utilizing a reconstructed roadway; and

**WHEREAS**, Bridge Road serves as the only route for citizens in the township to ingress and egress from their properties on the peninsula and island, which creates a safety hazard when these more frequent and intense flooding events occur on the lake; and

**WHEREAS**, Shamrock Township wishes to pursue the funds and complete the project work in construction year 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, non-state aid cities and townships must have a county sponsor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has committed to maintain such improvements for the lifetime of the improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has committed to provide for all other project costs in which would be ineligible for LRIP funding including but not limited to design engineering, construction administration and testing, legal/administrative fees, and utility construction; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township passed a resolution seeking County support and sponsorship at their October 12, 2023 Township Board meeting.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AITKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT:**

1. The County agrees to act as project sponsor and provide support for the project should Shamrock Township be awarded LRIP funds, and that such sponsorship shall include the following responsibilities:
  - a. Authorizing the County Engineer to act as an agent on behalf of the sponsoring agency.
  - b. Be the fiscal agent on behalf of the Township and have funds flow from MnDOT to the County and to the Contractor.
  - c. Work with the township's representative, WSB, through the state aid process including plan reviews, approvals, and grant agreements.
  - d. Request an SAP number for the project.
  - e. Work with WSB to ensure project is meeting milestones and dates.
  - f. Review and sign the plans prepared by WSB along with providing cursory review of the engineers estimate and proposal before submission to the DSAE.
  - g. Review and sign state aid pay requests (SAPRs) prepared by WSB before submission to State Aid for review.
  - h. Assist WSB in communicating progress and updates with the DSAE's and State Aid State Programs Engineer.

Commissioner Leiviska seconded the adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote

FOUR MEMBERS PRESENT

All Members Voting Yes

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Jessica Seibert  
County Administrator