



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: April 9, 2024

Title of Item: Nature Accessibility Initiative funding from LCCMR for Long Lake

<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: Dave McMillan		Department: LLCC
Presenter (Name and Title): Dave McMillan, Manager - Long Lake Conservation Center		Estimated Time Needed: 10 Minutes
Summary of Issue: <p>Long Lake Conservation Center is requesting Nature Accessibility Initiative funding from the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR). Funding request is for \$221,000.</p> <p>Funding will build on the recent improvements to the Long Lake campus, trail systems, and equipment so that people can experience the wonders of nature. Specific projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leveling and finishing all trails and paths at Long Lake including the three-mile lake loop. - Installing safety railings on the bog boardwalk. - Purchasing two rugged, individual track vehicles to allow for people with mobility issues to reach all corners of nature. - Installing passive educational signage along the entirety of the trail system and on campus so the general public can learn about the ecosystems they are exploring. 		
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:		
Recommended Action/Motion: Adopt Nature Accessibility Initiative funding from LCCMR for Long Lake resolution.		
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> <p>The Long Lake Conservation Foundation will provide a cash match of \$5,000. That is the only cash that will be contributed to the project.</p>		

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

ADOPTED April 9, 2024

By Commissioner: xxx

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Nature Accessibility Initiative funding from LCCMR

WHEREAS, Aitkin County supports the funding request from Long Lake Conservation Center to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) for the project titled "Nature Accessibility Initiative".

WHEREAS, Funding request is for \$221,000 from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) for the years 2025-2026.

WHEREAS, The LCCMR has recommended that Long Lake Conservation Center acquire the services of a fiscal agent to perform certain services in relation to the funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, If funding from the LCCMR is awarded to Long Lake Conservation Center, Aitkin County agrees to accept the funding and may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above referenced project. Aitkin County will comply with all applicable laws, environmental requirements and regulations as stated in the funding agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Aitkin County will serve as the fiscal agent and will comply with all terms as stated in the fiscal agent agreement and understands that grants from the ENRTF are generally paid out on a reimbursement basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Dave McMillan, Manager at Long Lake Conservation Center, is hereby authorized to execute such agreements as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of Aitkin County.

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 April 2024, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and seal this 9th day of April 2024

Jessica Seibert
County Administrator