



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

3B
Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: January 28, 2025

Title of Item: Adopt Resolution - Big Sandy Lake Watershed Survey

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA	Action Requested: <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only
Submitted by: Mike Dangers		Department: Assessor
Presenter (Name and Title): Mike Dangers, County Assessor		Estimated Time Needed: 15 minutes
Summary of Issue: Please see the attached resolution to be discussed at the January 28 meeting.		
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:		
Recommended Action/Motion: Adopt resolution as presented.		
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>		

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

ADOPTED January 28, 2025

By Commissioner: xxx

20250128-xxx

Army Corps of Engineers Land Ownership in Big Sandy Lake Watershed

WHEREAS, the Army Corps of Engineers is in the process of completing a land survey of its fee ownership lands in the Big Sandy Lake Watershed. This multi-year project has brought attention to the ownership of many parcels of lake and river frontage in this area. As the survey is completed, lands previously believed to be owned by private parties are clearly owned by the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, these ownership changes will bring many potential impacts to property owners and local governments. Questions have been asked about property value, tax base, public access to lands previously believed to be private, land use, development restrictions, water access rights, etc. These impacts are expected to be very significant;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests the Army Corps of Engineers to begin the process to vacate and transfer its fee interests in these properties to adjacent property owners to achieve individual private lot boundaries that are in compliance with standards outlined in the Subdivision Regulations of Aitkin County. The objective of this requested action is to reinstate all rights of lakeshore ownership to private properties that have historically been developed and occupied as private lakeshore properties while the Army Corps of Engineers retains its flowage easement rights.

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

xxx 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 28th day of January 2025, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and seal this 28th day of January 2025

Jessica Seibert
County Administrator