



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request



**Requested Meeting Date:** April 22, 2025

**Title of Item:** Application for Grant-in-Aid Funds for Snowmobile and Ski Trails

<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA	<b>Action Requested:</b> <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
<b>Submitted by:</b> Dennis (DJ) Thompson		<b>Department:</b> Land
<b>Presenter (Name and Title):</b>		<b>Estimated Time Needed:</b>
<b>Summary of Issue:</b> Attached is a resolution enabling the Aitkin County Trail Administrator to apply for Grant-in-Aid funds for snowmobile and ski trails.		
<b>Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:</b>		
<b>Recommended Action/Motion:</b> Adopt resolution for snowmobile and ski trail GIA funding for the 2025-2026 winter season.		
<b>Financial Impact:</b> <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**

ADOPTED April 22, 2025

By Commissioner: xxx

**20250422-xxx**

**SNOWMOBILE / SKI TRAIL FUNDING 2025-2026 WINTER SEASON**

**WHEREAS**, Local units of government can apply for Grant-in-Aid funds for trail development, maintenance, grooming, and administration from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources at the rate of 65% reimbursement of the cost of trail maintenance and 90% reimbursement of costs of grooming, and

**WHEREAS**, Aitkin County does not have the facilities to maintain the entire trail system in Aitkin County, and

**WHEREAS**, Snowmobile Clubs have maintained these trails in the past, and wish to contract with the County for maintaining trails during the 2025-2026 winter season, and

**WHEREAS**, these trails benefit the winter recreation, resort, industry, and economy of Aitkin County.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Aitkin County Trail Administrator be authorized to apply for Grant-in-Aid assistance funds for snowmobile trail maintenance and grooming, and ski trail maintenance and grooming for the following trails.

Aitkin Sno-Drifters Trails
McGrath/Finlayson Trails
Tamarack Trails
Haypoint Trails
Palisade Trails
Mille Lacs Trails
No Achen / LLCC Ski Trails

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Aitkin County Trail Administrator be authorized to contract for the 2025-2026 winter season for the development, maintenance, and grooming of the aforementioned trails with each of the corresponding interested clubs.

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, John Welle, County Engineer, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2025, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

**Witness my hand and seal this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2025**

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John Welle  
County Engineer