

Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request



Requested Meeting Date: June 24, 2025

Title of Item: Public hearing on Pine Knoll public water access **Action Requested: Direction Requested** REGULAR AGENDA Approve/Deny Motion Discussion Item **CONSENT AGENDA** Adopt Resolution (attach draft) Information Only Hold Public Hearing *provide copy of hearing notice that was published Submitted by: **Department:** Dennis (DJ) Thompson Land **Presenter (Name and Title): Estimated Time Needed:** Dennis (DJ) Thompson, Land Commissioner 5 Minutes **Summary of Issue:** At the May 27, 2025 County Board meeting, the date and time for a public meeting was set for June 24, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. I have included the comments and responses received to date. Attached is the notice of the public hearing. **Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:** Recommended Action/Motion: **Financial Impact: √** No Is there a cost associated with this request? Yes What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$ Is this budgeted? No Please Explain: Yes



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NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

FOR PROPOSED PUBLIC WATER ACCESS ON MISSISSIPPI RIVER

A public hearing has been scheduled for June 24, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in the Government Center Board Meeting Room to gather comments regarding the construction of a public water access on the Mississippi River in the Riverside Point Plat in section 16 of Aitkin Township (Lots 38-41). Comments can be submitted to the Land Department at acid@aitkincountymn.gov or 502 Minnesota Avenue N, Aitkin, MN. 56431 (218) 927-7364.

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Comment	Commenter	ACLD Response
Via e-mail: Signage must clearly indicate that this water access is for carry-in, non-powered watercraft only. Concrete or metal pillars should also be placed at the top of the ramps, to avoid anyone attempting to back a trailered motorboat down the ramp.	Jason and Erica Colvin	An informational kiosk will be installed that clearly outlines the allowed use of the access. There will also be signage at the access points. Also, due to the design of the accesses, it will be difficult to accommodate a vehicle and boat trailer.
Via e-mail: Garbage and recycling cans must be included, situated at least 50 feet from the property lines, and which will be maintained by Aitkin County or a contracted company. A vault toilet or porta-potty should also be included.	Jason and Erica Colvin	This will be done.
Via e-mail: An 8-foot-high wooden fence needs to be erected along the entire property line of Lot 41, to minimize light and noise intrusion into our property. A berm on the property line in addition to a fence would also be welcomed.	Jason and Erica Colvin	A privacy fence will be placed along the entire property line of both adjacent landowners.
Via e-mail: The parking area should be gravel rather than asphalt or concrete. This will match the surrounding roads, and gravel should allow rainwater to better soak in rather than add to potential runoff.	Jason and Erica Colvin	The parking area will have a gravel surface.
Via e-mail: If any artificial lighting is included on the site, it needs to be displayed only downwards to minimize light pollution and will ideally have motion detection and variable brightness	Jason and Erica Colvin	There will not be electricity to the access and no artificial lighting.

(dimmed until motion is detected, then brighter for a set time).		
Via e-mail: Native trees and bushes should be planted on the site to maintain biodiversity and replace essential wildlife habitat on the waterline which will need to be removed. Trees planted on site should equal or exceed the number that will be removed.	Jason and Erica Colvin	We do not intend to remove any trees or shrubs during or after construction, however, if any are removed or damaged, they will be replaced. The site will also be evaluated for additional plantings for aesthetic appeal.