



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: September 23, 2025

Title of Item: CPL Grant With MDHA for Tree Planting

☒ REGULAR AGENDA ☐ CONSENT AGENDA	Action Requested: ☐ Approve/Deny Motion ☒ Adopt Resolution (attach draft) ☐ Hold Public Hearing <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i> ☐ Direction Requested ☐ Discussion Item ☐ Information Only	
Submitted by: Dennis (DJ) Thompson		Department: Land
Presenter (Name and Title): Dennis (DJ) Thompson, Land Commissioner		Estimated Time Needed: 5 Minutes
Summary of Issue: The Aitkin County Land Department would like to partner with the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association (MDHA) on a Conservation Partners Legacy (CPL) grant to plant white oak. The project entails planting 3 sites totaling approximately 100 acres to white oak. The grant will be for \$50,000 and will cover the cost of the trees, planting, and future release work. A 10% match is required. The planting sites are shelterwood harvest systems where the first harvest has already been done. Aitkin County is on the very northern edge of the growing range for white oak. The concept is to build more climate-change resilience into hardwood stands.		
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:		
Recommended Action/Motion: Adopt resolution to partner with the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association on a CPL grant.		
Financial Impact: <i>Is there a cost associated with this request?</i> ☒ Yes ☐ No <i>What is the total cost, with tax and shipping?</i> \$ 55,000.00 <i>Is this budgeted?</i> ☒ Yes ☐ No <i>Please Explain:</i> The grant is for \$50,000 and the Land Department match will be \$5,000 in cash and in-kind resources. This is in the Land Department's 2026 budget.		

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

ADOPTED September 23, 2025

By Commissioner: xxx

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Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Application with MDHA

WHEREAS, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners supports the grant application made in partnership with the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program. The application is for planting approximately 100 acres to white oak.

WHEREAS, Aitkin County has the financial capability to meet the 10% match of non-state funds or in-kind resources.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, if awarded the grant, Aitkin County agrees to partner with the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association and accept the grant award. Aitkin County will comply with all applicable laws, environmental requirements, and regulations as stated in the grant agreement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Aitkin County Land Commissioner is hereby authorized to execute such agreements as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of Aitkin County.

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, David J. Minke, 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 23rd day of September 2025, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and seal this 23rd day of September 2025

David J. Minke
County Administrator