

Aitkin County Board of Commissioners Board Meeting Attendance Record

Date: November 25, 2025

Name	Please check the boxes that apply		
	Aitkin County Citizen	Aitkin County Employee	Company Representative – Please list
Chris Sudd		✓	I.T.
Kevin Lee			North Ambulance
Kara Lindstrom			Congressman Pete Stauber
Mark Jackson		✓	Aitkin County LED
John Welle		✓	Highway Dept
Andrew Carstrom		✓	ESPZ
Mike Dangers		✓	Assessor
Ammy Wyant	✓		CARE
Kim Muller	✓		CARE
D. Thompson		✓	Land.

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Jon Noel	Y	Y	ACH + HS
Brenda Butterfield	N	Y	ACHHS
Mickey Laird	Y	Y	ACHHS
Sarah Johnson	Y	Y	ACHHS
Bobbie Danulson		✓	HR
Wendy Bright	Y	Y	Auditor
Stacy Westerland	X	X	Assessor

Grant Resources for Aitkin County- Board Meeting 11/25/25

Water for Tamarack and Palisade

- Water Infrastructure Financing and Innovation Act
 - The Water Infrastructure Financing and Innovation Act (WIFIA) provides long-term, low-cost loans for eligible water and wastewater infrastructure projects, including those eligible under the SRFs. EPA awards loans directly to recipients. The minimum project size is \$20 million for large communities and \$5 million for small communities (populations of 25,000 or less). CFDA Number 66.958
 - <https://www.epa.gov/wifia>
 - <https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2025-11/ow-prepub-wifia-nofa-2025.pdf>
 - Can send this link via email
 - This is a pre-publication list that was put out 11/20/25
- Small Surface Water and Groundwater Storage Projects (Small Storage Program)
 - The U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation offers competitive grants for **small surface and groundwater storage projects** under the **Small Storage Program**, authorized by the 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The program aims to **increase water storage capacity**, improve water management flexibility, and support long-term water reliability in the 17 western states, Alaska, and Hawaii.
 - Reclamation invites eligible entities to apply for **cost-shared funding (up to 25% Federal share)** for planning, designing, or constructing storage projects with capacities between **200 and 30,000 acre-feet**. Projects must increase storage or convey water to/from storage and demonstrate increased yield for beneficiaries. A **feasibility study meeting Reclamation's CMP TRMR-127 requirements** must be submitted by **February 13, 2026**.
 - Priority is given to projects that:
 - Improve reliable water supplies for states, Tribes, and local governments
 - Increase operational flexibility and reduce environmental impacts
 - Are regional, multi-stakeholder, or provide multiple benefits (e.g., ecosystem, groundwater, water quality)
 - **Eligible applicants** include states, regional/local water authorities, Indian Tribes, and various water or wastewater districts within Reclamation's service states, Alaska, or Hawaii.
 - <https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/360059>

- **Closing date:** Apr 17, 2026, Electronically submitted applications must be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m., MDT, on the listed application due date.

Aitkin Airport

- Airport Improvement Program (AIP)
 - The Airport Improvement Program (AIP) provides grants to public agencies — and, in some cases, to private owners and entities — for the planning and development of public-use airports that are included in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS). See the AIP Glossary for a description of AIP-related terms.
 - Aitkin airport is part of the NPIAS
 - 7/11/25 received \$2,308,029
- Airport Terminal Grant
 - On 9/12/15 the FAA informed ACC that the Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) for the IIJA's **FY 2026 Airport Terminal Program (ATP)** and the Federal Contract Towers program are still under review and anticipates the NOFO application period to open by the end of the month.
 - This has been delayed by the shut down and the application is still not open as of 11/24/25

***** Community Projects for FY27 will be open on the Congressman's website on 1/1/26, but this may be subject to change if we receive different guidance from appropriators**

Attachment F

HISTORICAL DATA

The current recycling contract is executed by Waste Management of Minnesota who receives and processes all drop-off recyclables at the Aitkin County Recycling Center and services canisters and collects recyclables at 10 sites across Aitkin County (please see attachments B & D). Recycling roll-offs and recycling dumpsters are serviced out of Waste Management's 3 hauling sites located in Baxter, Cambridge, and Cohasset, Minnesota.

The following data represents records of recycling for the months of January 2025 through October of 2025. These weights are in tons reported from the Contractor's invoice. Mileage is round trip from the respective hauling sites to each Commercial and Roll Off Recycling Drop Site based on number of trips required to each location.

<u>Month in 2025</u>	<u>Comingled Recyclables</u>	<u>Round Trip Estimated Mileage</u>
January	86.9	2,684
February	76.68	2,584
March	90.73	2,680
April	80.78	2,640
May	87.42	2,864
June	86.74	2,880
July	95.17	2,420
August	81.52	3,104
September	85.72	2,982
October	81.04	2,782

The following data represents record of recycling for the years 2022 through 2024. The weights are estimated in tons and from Waste Management's 3 hauling sites in Baxter, Cohasset and Cambridge. Weights are based off the Contractor's Annual Hauler Reports submitted by the Contractor (weights include roll off accounts, commercial accounts and residential accounts picked up via curbside collection).

<u>Year</u>	<u>Glass</u>	<u>Paper</u>	<u>Cardboard</u>	<u>Tin</u>	<u>Aluminum</u>	<u>Plastic</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Estimated Round Trip Mileage</u>
2022	252	769	172	40	27	66	1326	30,918
2023	259	790	177	41	27	68	1362	31,247
2024	331	745	267	49	20	179	1591	33,144