

Aitkin County Board of Commissioners
Request for County Board Action/Agenda Item Cover Sheet



To: Chairperson, Aitkin County Board of Commissioners Date: 6-28-12

Via: Patrick Wussow, County Administrator

From: Patrick Wussow, County Administrator

Title of Item:

Temporary 300' No Wake Zone on Certain Lakes in Aitkin County

Requested Meeting Date: 7-3-12 Estimated Presentation Time: _____

Presenter: Patrick Wussow, County Administrator

Type of Action Requested (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> For info only, no action requested | <input type="checkbox"/> Approve under Consent Agenda |
| <input type="checkbox"/> For discussion only with possible future action | <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Ordinance Revision |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Let/Award Bid or Quote (attach copy of basic bid/quote specs or summary of complex specs, each bid/quote received & bid/quote comparison) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/adopt proposal by motion | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve/adopt proposal by resolution (attach draft resolution) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Authorize filling vacant staff position | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Request to schedule public hearing or sale | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Request by member of the public to be heard | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Item should be addressed in closed session under MN Statute _____ | |

Fiscal Impact (check all that apply)

- Is this item in the current approved budget? Yes _____ No _____ (attach explanation)
- What type of expenditure is this? ☐ Operating ☐ Capital ☐ Other (attach explanation)
- Revenue line account # that funds this item is: _____
- Expenditure line account # for this item is: _____

Staffing Impact (Any yes answer requires a review by Human Resources Manager before going to the board)

- Duties of a department employee(s) may be materially affected. ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Applicable job description(s) may require revision. ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Item may impact a bargaining unit agreement or county work policy. ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Item may change the department's authorized staffing level. ☐ Yes ☐ No



Supporting Attachment(s)

- ☒ Memorandum Summary of Item
- ☐ Copy of applicable county policy and/or ordinance (excerpts acceptable)
- ☐ Copy of applicable state/federal statute/regulation (excerpts acceptable)
- ☐ Copy of applicable contract and/or agreement
- ☐ Original bid spec or quote request (excluding complex construction projects)
- ☐ Bids/quotes received (excluding complex construction projects, provide comparison worksheet)
- ☐ Bid/quote comparison worksheet
- ☐ Draft County Board resolution
- ☐ Plat approval check-list and supporting documents
- ☐ Copy of previous minutes related to this issue
- ☒ Other supporting document(s) (please list) _____

Provide (1) copy of supporting documentation NO LATER THAN Wednesday at Noon to make the Board's agenda for the following Tuesday. (If your packet contains colored copies, please provide (4) paper copies of supporting documentation as we do not have a color printer or copier.) Items WILL NOT be placed on the Board agenda unless complete documentation is provided for the Board packets.

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TO: Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Patrick Wussow, Aitkin County Administrator; Terry Neff, Environmental Services Director; John Welle, County Engineer; Rich Courtemanche, Assistant Land Commissioner; Steve Hughes, SWCD District Manager

RE: Temporary 300' No-wake Zone on Certain Lakes in Aitkin County

DATE: June 28, 2012

Due to recent heavy rains Aitkin County has experienced flooding. Subsequently, the County Board has passed resolutions declaring an emergency situation and is seeking State and Federal assistance. Additionally, the County Board has approved no-wake zones on all lakes in Aitkin County due to elevated lake levels and flooding conditions.

At the County Board meeting on June 26th the Board stated they would like to review the decisions relating to no wake zones and how the lakes in the County are receding.

Staff identified the need to have restrictions in place for some of our area lakes that have been severely impacted by the flooding that has occurred. The no-wake restrictions that have been enacted on these severely impacted lakes are justifiable not only from an environmental perspective, but from a public safety perspective as well due to the floating debris. Staff discussed alternatives including possible removal of no-wake zones on small lakes, and placing no-wake restrictions within 300 feet of the shoreline, rather than the entire lake. Lonnie Thomas from the DNR has reviewed the proposed policy and concurs.

With all of this in mind, as part of the recommendation process staff recommends the attached resolution. In summary, a 300' no wake restriction will be placed on the larger lakes in Aitkin County. These lakes are identified in our Shoreland Ordinance as RD Recreational Development, and GD General Development Lakes, as shown in the resolution.

For example, Lone Lake is a Recreational Development Lake that would have been included in the 300' no wake zone limit. However, it has an OHW of 1,264.90 and the

current lake level is 1,264.35. Because Lone Lake is about half a foot below the OHW, that lake would not have any wake restrictions.

At Tuesday's Board meeting staff will present alternatives for obtaining the OHW and removal of 300' no wake signs. Additionally, we are coordinating staff for the installation of these new signs and removal of the signs already up. With the emergency situation staff and volunteers are spread thin.

Please contact me with any questions.

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

ADOPTED July 3, 2012

By Commissioner: xx

070312-0xx

Temporary Aitkin County Lakes Slow-No Wake Zone

WHEREAS, due to extraordinary weather conditions, including excessive rainfall during June of 2012, record high water elevations prevail on all Aitkin County lakes, and

WHEREAS, wave action from wind and watercraft has and will exacerbate shoreline erosion and cause damage to real and personal property, and

WHEREAS, high water levels coupled with increased wave action have led to the inundation of low-lying yards and structures, and

WHEREAS, in an effort to protect property and limit environmental damage to lakes from shoreline erosion where the County can and may exert some control, the County Board of Commissioners enacts this 3rd day of July, 2012, the following Temporary Special Controls to Section 5 Regulations of the Watercraft Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that no person shall operate a watercraft at greater than slow-no wake speed for a distance of 300' from the shore line on the following lakes:

Lake Name	Township
Aitkin	Turner
Ball Bluff	Cornish
Big Pine	Wagner
Cedar	Farm Island
Clear	Glen
Dam	Glen
Diamond	Farm Island
Elm Island	Nordland
Esquagamah	Waukenabo
Farm Island	Hazelton
Fleming	Fleming
Glacier	Turner
Gun	Fleming
Hammal – (Bass)	Farm Island
Hanging Kettle	Farm Island
Hickory	Farm Island
Hill Lake	Hill Lake
Horseshow	Shamrock
Island	Haugen
Jenkins	Fleming
Long	Glen
Minnewawa	Shamrock
Moulton	Unorg. 49-27
Nord	Nordland
Pine	Wagner
Pine, Big	Hazelton

Pine, Little	Farm Island
Rabbit	Glen
Rat	Workman
Ripple	Nordland
Rock	Jevne
Round	Haugen
Round	Waukenabo
Round	Hazelton
Sandy River	Workman
Section 10 (Wladimiraf)	Nordland
Section 12	Nordland
Sissabagamah	Nordland
Spirit	Farm Island
Sugar	Malmo
Sunset	Farm Island
Tame Fish	Hazelton
Thornton (Thorton)	Farm Island
Townline	Farm Island
Vanduse	Ball Bluff
Waukenabo	Waukenabo
Wilkins	Fleming

- i. The 300' no wake zone is in effect until the lake water elevation is 12" or less above that lake's Ordinary High Water (OHW) mark
- ii. This Resolution does not affect resolution 060112-052 as identified for Big Sandy Lake and the associated area.
- iii. The no wake restrictions for all other lakes in Aitkin County are lifted.

Commissioner xx moved the adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote

FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT

All Members Voting Yes

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)
County of Aitkin) ss.
Office of County Auditor,)**

I, Kirk Peysar, Auditor, of the County of Aitkin, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in my office on the 3rd day of July A.D., 2012, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE at Aitkin, Minnesota, this 3rd day of July A.D., 2012

KIRK PEYSAR, County Auditor

BY _____, Deputy