



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: July 12, 2022

Title of Item: Rum River 1W1P Adoption and Implementation

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	Action Requested: <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*
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Submitted by: Sam Seybold	Department: Aitkin County SWCD
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Presenter (Name and Title): Sam Seybold SWCD District Buffer Specialist	Estimated Time Needed: 15
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Summary of Issue:

The Rum River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan is ready for approval and signatures for the 1 Watershed 1 Plan (1 W1 P). This watershed includes Mille Lacs Lake in southwestern Aitkin County. It also includes several other lakes, streams and rivers, and other water quality opportunities.

This 1 Watershed 1 Plan resolution starts the implementation portion of the watershed management efforts that started with Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies (WRAPS). It will complement our Local Water Plan and will provide funding for the County and SWCD to implement water quality projects.

We are mindful that these efforts require County Board and staff time commitments. The Rum River 1 W1 P will require policy and technical efforts. State funding coming to Aitkin County for implementation will be the result of participation in the watershed plan.

In addition to signatures, you are requested to appoint 1 County Board representative to the Policy Committee plus 1 Alternate for the same committee.

Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:

Not participating is an option but would result in less revenue for water quality projects in the future.

Recommended Action/Motion:

The Aitkin County SWCD recommends actively participating in the Rum River 1W1P.

Financial Impact:

Is there a cost associated with this request? Yes No

What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$

Is this budgeted? Yes No *Please Explain:*

By Commissioner: xx

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Adopt and Implement the Rum River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan

WHEREAS, the Aitkin County has been notified by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources that the Rum River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan has been approved according to Minnesota Statutes §103B.101, Subdivision 14 and Board Resolution #18-14:

NOW; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Aitkin County hereby adopts and will begin implementation of the approved Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan for the area of the county identified within the Plan. The Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan replaces the Aitkin County Water Plan for Aitkin County purposes for the area of the county identified within the Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Aitkin County terminates its rights and obligations under the Rum River Watershed Memorandum of Agreement for developing the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Aitkin County enters into the Joint Powers Agreement for the Implementation of the Rum River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to the terms of said Joint Powers Agreement, the Aitkin County Board appoints Commissioner Laurie Westerlund, to serve as standing representative of Aitkin County on the Rum River Watershed Implementation Partnership as provided in the Joint Powers Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to the terms of said Joint Powers Agreement, the Aitkin County Board appoints Commissioner _____, to serve as alternate representative of Aitkin County on the Rum River Watershed Implementation Partnership as provided in the Joint Powers Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Aitkin County Board authorizes and directs the Aitkin County Administrator to carry-out all duties and obligations required of Aitkin County under the Joint Powers Agreement, including, but not limited to, designating Aitkin County staff to serve on the Implementation Planning Committee under the Joint Powers Agreement.

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}

I, Jessica Seibert, 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 7th day of July 2022, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and seal this 7th day of July 2022

Jessica Seibert
County Administrator