



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

**Requested Meeting Date:** May 13, 2025

**Title of Item:** Letter Acknowledging Spongy Moth Treatment in Aitkin County

<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA	<b>Action Requested:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only
<b>Submitted by:</b> Dennis (DJ) Thompson		<b>Department:</b> Land
<b>Presenter (Name and Title):</b>		<b>Estimated Time Needed:</b>
<b>Summary of Issue:</b> The attached letter is part of Minnesota Department of Agriculture's congested area plan that needs to be signed and returned to the local Flight District Standards Office (FSDO) of the FAA. The letter itself is simply an acknowledgment that the County Board has received notification that spongy moth treatments will be occurring in Aitkin County.		
<b>Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:</b>		
<b>Recommended Action/Motion:</b> Approve and Board Chair Sign letter acknowledging MDA's spongy moth treatment in Aitkin County.		
<b>Financial Impact:</b> <i>Is there a cost associated with this request?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <i>What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$</i> <i>Is this budgeted?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i>		

Legally binding agreements must have County Attorney approval prior to submission.



## AITKIN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

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307 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW, Room 310  
Aitkin, MN 56431

May 13, 2025

Al's Aerial Spraying  
c/o Mike Schiffer  
3473 Shepardsville Road  
Ovid, MI 48866

Dear Mr. Schiffer,

This letter is to provide written documentation of Aitkin County Board of Commissioner's awareness for aerial application by Al's Aerial Spraying, for the Minnesota Department of Agriculture Cooperative Spongy Moth Program treatment projects, occurring in 2025. Al's Aerial Spraying has been contracted by the USDA-Forest Service for the aerial applications of mating disruption to reduce colonies of the spongy moth, *Lymantria dispar*, an invasive species.

We understand Spongy Moth Slow-the-Spread mating disruption treatment project will occur at one site in Aitkin County. Approximately 643 acres are scheduled for aerial treatment in June of this year.

Al's Aerial Spraying will carry out this project in cooperation with, and under the authority of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, the USDA-Forest Service, and the Spongy Moth Slow-the-Spread Foundation, Inc.

The Aitkin County Board agrees that proper and sufficient public notification of the treatment project has occurred and that the aerial operations are needed and wanted with the intent to slow the spread of spongy moth in our area.

Sincerely,

J. Mark Wedel  
County Board Chair

cc: Matt Gallo, MDA