



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

4B
Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: July 8, 2025

Title of Item: Cooperative Land Use Agreement with Aitkin Township

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA	Action Requested: <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> <div style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only</div>	
Submitted by: Dennis (DJ) Thompson		Department: Land
Presenter (Name and Title): Dennis (DJ) Thompson, Land Commissioner		Estimated Time Needed: 5 Minutes
Summary of Issue: <p>The County will be constructing a carry-in public water access on the Mississippi River designed exclusively for canoes and kayaks. The east access will be constructed in part of the Right of Way (ROW) of Glendale Road (440th Place). The County would like to enter into a Cooperative Land Use Agreement with Aitkin Township to construct the east access in the Township Road ROW. This would allow the Township to retain ownership of the entire ROW and avoid having to vacate a portion of the ROW.</p> <p>The Agreement has been reviewed by the County Attorney.</p>		
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:		
Recommended Action/Motion: Motion to enter into a Cooperative Land Use Agreement with Aitkin Township for the Pine Knoll Access		
Financial Impact: <p>Is there a cost associated with this request? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$</p> <p>Is this budgeted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Please Explain:</p>		

Cooperative Land Use Agreement

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between the County of Aitkin, State of Minnesota (County), through the Aitkin County Land Department, (Department), and Aitkin Township (Township).

Background

The County will be constructing a carry-in public water access on the Mississippi River designed exclusively for canoes and kayaks. Location is Riverside Point Lots 38 to 41 in section 16 of Aitkin Township (PID 01-1-124600, 01-1-124700, 01-1-124800, and 01-1-124900). The project includes the installation of two accesses, one on the west side (west access) and one on the east side (east access) (see exhibit A).

The east access will be constructed in part of the Right of Way (ROW) of Glendale Road (440th Place). It will not affect the current travel lane or alter the gravel surface.

The County would like to enter into a Cooperative Land Use Agreement with the Township to allow the County to construct the east access in the Township Road ROW. This would allow the Township to retain ownership of the entire ROW and avoid having to vacate a portion of the ROW.

TERMS

In consideration of the mutual undertakings and agreements hereinafter set forth, the County, through the Department, and the Township agree as follows:

1. **USE:** County shall use the land only for the purpose of the Agreement.
2. **MAINTENANCE:** The County shall maintain the accesses in good repair, keeping them safe and clean, removing all refuses and debris that may accumulate. County shall comply with all laws affecting the land, including local ordinances and state regulations.
3. **LIABILITY:** This Agreement shall not be construed as imposing any liability on the Township for injury or damage to the person or property of the County or to any other persons or property, arising out of any use of the accesses. The County shall indemnify and hold harmless the Township from all claims arising out of the use of the land whether such claims are asserted by civil action or otherwise, except for those claims caused by the actions of the Township.
4. **ROAD ALTERATIONS:** The County shall make no changes or alterations to the current travel lane of Glendale Road without the prior written consent of the Township. Changes or alterations shall be at County's sole expense.
5. **CONSTRUCTION:** The Township will allow the County to construct the accesses including the east access in the Township Road ROW. The County will be responsible for obtaining all necessary permits and approvals for the construction of the accesses.

6. EROSION CONTROL: The County is responsible for taking proper precautions for controlling erosion during and after construction.
7. INVASIVE SPECIES: The County is responsible for controlling invasive species on the land.
8. RULES OF USE: The County will develop a set of rules for the accesses to address items including, but not limited to, parking, camping, waste, and campfires. The Rules will be posted at each access and a copy of the Rules will be provided to the Township.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County has caused this Agreement to be signed by its duly authorized officers and the Township has hereunto set its hand.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2025.

TOWNSHIP

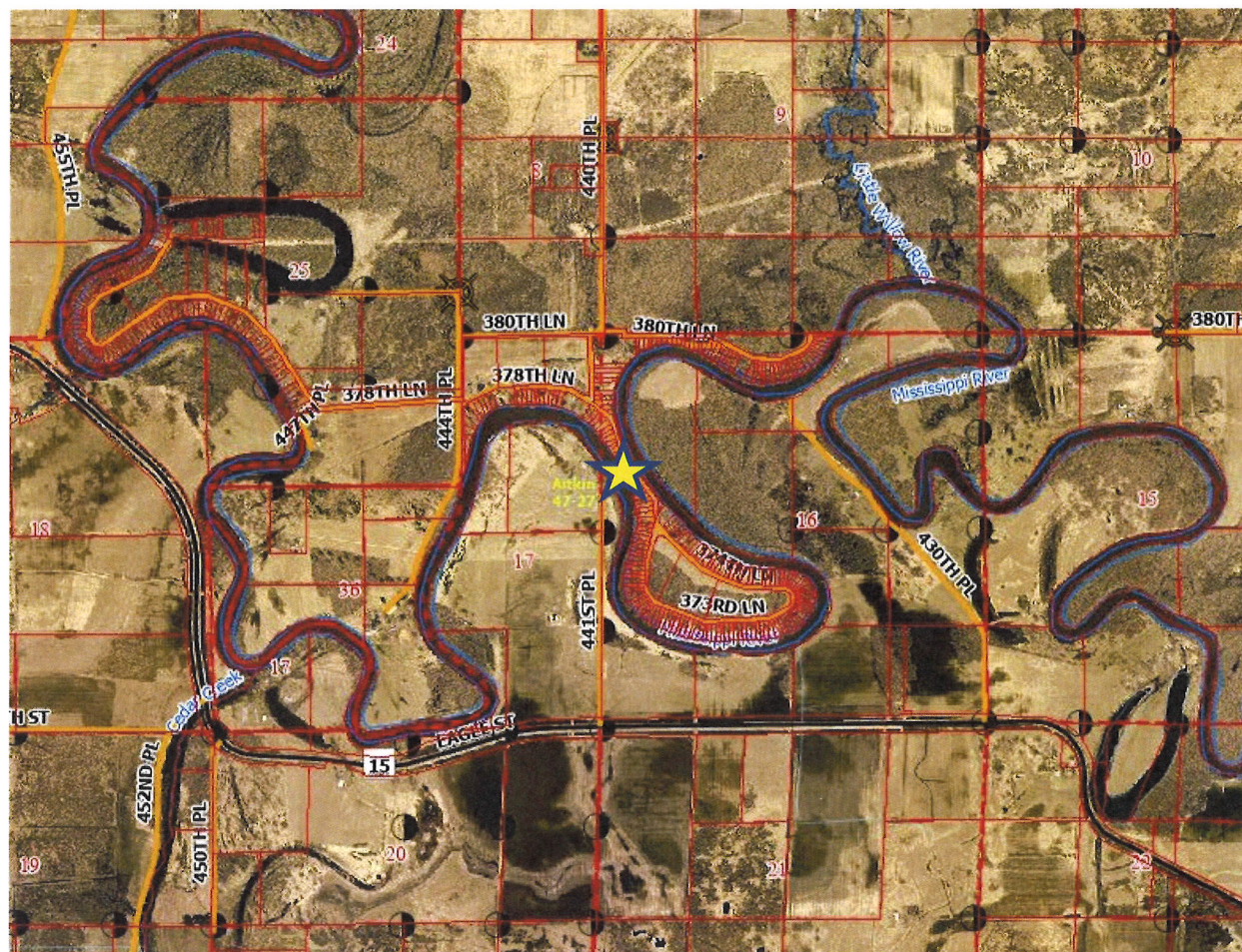
COUNTY

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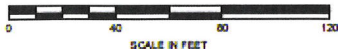
Name: _____

Title: _____

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LOTS 38-41, RIVERSIDE POINT
SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 47, RANGE 27,
AITKIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA




BEARING DATUM BASED ON ATKIN COUNTY
COORDINATES NAD 83

● = DENOTES FOUND IRON MONUMENT

**SURVEYOR'S NOTE: THE EASTERLY PORTION OF
LOTS 38-41 AS PLATTED LIE TO THE EAST OF THE
WESTERLY BANK OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER**

I hereby certify that this survey, plan or report was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly Licensed Land Surveyor under the laws of the State of Minnesota.


Randy A. Orsini, Lic. No. 42630
Atkin County Surveyor

5-19-2023

Case



EXHIBIT A



⊗ Denotes approximate location of accesses