



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

**Requested Meeting Date:** December 16, 2025

**Title of Item:** Application for Grant-in-Aid ATV trail maintenance funds

<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA	<b>Action Requested:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input checked="" 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 resolution is required to apply for the 2026 State Grant-in-Aid (GIA) maintenance funds for the Northwoods Regional ATV trail system.		
<b>Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:</b> Adopt resolution for 2026 ATV Trail Funding.		
<b>Recommended Action/Motion:</b>		
<b>Financial Impact:</b> Is there a cost associated with this request? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$ Is this budgeted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <span style="float: right;">Please Explain:</span>		

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

**Resolution #20251216-xxx 2026 - ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE TRAIL FUNDING**

**WHEREAS,** Local units of government can apply for State aid for trail development, maintenance, grooming and administration from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources at the rate of 90% reimbursement of costs of grooming and maintenance, and

**WHEREAS,** Aitkin County does not have the facilities to maintain the entire trail system in Aitkin County, and

**WHEREAS,** Clubs wish to contract with the County for maintaining these trails, and

**WHEREAS,** These trails benefit the recreation, resort, tourism, industry, and economy of Aitkin County,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Aitkin County Trail Administrator be authorized to apply for Grants-in-Aid assistance funds for All Terrain Vehicle Trail maintenance and grooming for the following trail:

Northwoods Regional ATV trail which consists of the following segments: South Soo Line, North Soo Line, Axtell ATV technical riding area, Rabey Line, Blind Lake, Redtop, Moose River Connector, Lawler, Blind Lake Connector Trail, Rat Lake Connector Trail, Hill City Connector Trail and Solana ATV Trails.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Aitkin County Trail Administrator be authorized to contract for the development, maintenance and grooming of the aforementioned trails with qualified, interested clubs.

Adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2025 By The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners.

Attest:

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J. Mark Wedel  
County Board Chair

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David J. Minke, County Administrator  
Clerk to the County Board

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COUNTY OF AITKIN}**