

# AITKIN COUNTY BOARD - EMERGENCY MTG July 14, 2016

<p>The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners met this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016 at 1:05 p.m. with the following members present: Board Chair J. Mark Wedel, Commissioners Don Niemi, Brian Napstad, and Anne Marcotte. Commissioner Laurie Westerlund was absent. County Administrator Nathan Burkett and Administrative Assistant Sue Bingham were also present.</p>	<p><b>CALL TO ORDER</b></p>
<p>Motion by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried (4-0 Westerlund absent), to approve the July 14, 2016 agenda.</p>	<p><b>APPROVED AGENDA</b></p>
<p>Gordon Prickett, President of Aitkin County Lakes &amp; River Association (ACLARA) stated that all the lakes in Aitkin County are experiencing high water levels.</p>	<p><b>CITIZENS' PUBLIC COMMENTS</b></p>
<p>Scott Turner, Sheriff discussed with the Board the recent heavy rains and gave updates on Aitkin County flooding issues, and subsequent high lake levels.</p>	<p><b>FLOODING</b></p>
<p>Additional comments and concerns were voiced by Cheryl McDonough and Jim Hausauer from Farm Island Lake; Ronald and Ruth Fudala from Hammal Lake; Gordon Prickett from Nord Lake; Taylor Hochstein, Conservation Officer with Mille Lacs Band; Steve Hughes, Aitkin County Soil &amp; Water District; and Terry Neff, Aitkin County Environmental Services Director.</p>	<p><b>ADDITIONAL COMMENTS &amp; CONCERNS</b></p>
<p>Motion for a resolution by Commissioner Napstad, seconded by Commissioner Marcotte and carried (4-0 Westerlund absent), to adopt resolution – Temporary Aitkin County Lakes Slow-No Wake Restrictions:</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b>, due to extraordinary weather conditions, including excessive rainfall during July of 2016, high water elevations prevail on certain Aitkin County lakes, and</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b>, wave action from wind and watercraft has and will exacerbate shoreline erosion and cause damage to real and personal property, and</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b>, high-water levels coupled with increased wave action have led to the inundation of low-lying yards and structures, and</p> <p><b>WHEREAS</b>, 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016, the following Temporary Special Controls to Section 5 Regulations of the Watercraft Ordinance.</p> <p><b>NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED</b>, the following lakes shall have a slow-no wake restriction on the entire lake, effective immediately and concluding at 11:59 pm on July 25,</p>	<p><b>RESOLUTION 20160714-049 TEMPORARY AITKIN COUNTY LAKES SLOW-NO WAKE RESTRICTIONS</b></p>

2016:

Hill Lake	Hill Lake
Dam	Glen
Long	Glen
Gun	Fleming
Hammal – (Bass)	Farm Island
Nord	Nordland
Farm Island	Farm Island / Hazelton
Cedar	Aitkin / Farm Island
Lone	Nordland

Motion by Commissioner Marcotte, seconded by Commissioner Napstad and carried (4-0 Westerlund absent), to adjourn the meeting at 1:56 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

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J. Mark Wedel, Chairperson  
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

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Nathan Burkett, County Administrator