



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: July 26, 2016

Title of Item: Temporary Slow-No Wake Lake Restrictions

<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*
Submitted by: Nathan Burkett		Department: Administration
Presenter (Name and Title): Nathan Burkett, County Administrator		Estimated Time Needed: 15 minutes
Summary of Issue: At the July 14th County Board meeting the Board passed Resolution #20160714-049 putting Slow-No Wake Restrictions on several Aitkin County lakes. At Tuesday's meeting the Board will need to determine whether or not it is necessary to pass another resolution. On Monday, July 25th, staff will visit a few area lakes and bring recommendations to the Board on Tuesday. Attached is a copy of the current resolution, Sheriff Turner's Press Release, and a draft resolution.		
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments: Adopt a new resolution, or let all lake restrictions expire.		
Recommended Action/Motion:		
Financial Impact: Is there a cost associated with this request? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$ Is this budgeted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i>		

By Commissioner: Napstad

20160714-049

Temporary Aitkin County Lakes Slow-No Wake Restrictions

WHEREAS, due to extraordinary weather conditions, including excessive rainfall during July of 2016, high water elevations prevail on certain Aitkin County lakes, and

WHEREAS, wave action from wind and watercraft has and will exacerbate shoreline erosion and cause damage to real and personal property, and

WHEREAS, high-water levels coupled with increased wave action have led to the inundation of low-lying yards and structures, and

WHEREAS, 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 14th day of July, 2016, the following Temporary Special Controls to Section 5 Regulations of the Watercraft Ordinance

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, 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, 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

Commissioner Marcotte moved the adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote

FOUR MEMBERS PRESENT

(4-0 Westerlund absent)

STATE OF MINNESOTA}
COUNTY OF AITKIN}

I, Nathan Burkett, 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 14th day of July 2016, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and seal this 14th day of July 2016

Nathan Burkett
County Administrator

Aitkin County

City of Aitkin



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Press Release (updated)

July 15, 2016

Aitkin County and the City of Aitkin received some good news with the Mississippi River expected to crest in Aitkin at around 14.2 feet later tonight.

There is much water still standing in the Snake River watershed in the southeast part of Aitkin County and other areas. As of this morning the following Aitkin County Roads remain closed:

County Road 54 – north of Aitkin at the Sissabagamah Creek

County Road 56 – from the Rice River Bridge to Kimberly

County Road 26 – west of Hwy. 65

County Road 34 north of Arthyde to County Road 2

County Road 61 between 160th Avenue and 180th Avenue

We also once again remind people not to drive through water-covered roadways as the integrity of the road bed is unknown.

We remain in a local state of emergency that was declared on Tuesday, July 12. Today at an emergency Board Meeting, the Aitkin County Board passed a resolution enacting a “No Wake” status for watercraft operation on the following lakes in Aitkin County until July 26th, 2016:

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

In addition, a “No Wake” Advisory is issued for all other lakes. The high water has also resulted in dock sections, trees and other debris and to being set adrift in many lakes posing a hazard to boaters. Please operate your watercraft carefully to avoid striking one of these free-floating hazards. We ask that everyone engaging in boating activities to be good stewards of the resources and tailor your activities so that no wake is created within 300 feet of shoreline until further notice.

City of Aitkin residents with questions or concerns can call Aitkin City Hall at 927-2527 or Public Utilities at 927-3222.

Sandbags will be available to Aitkin County residents at the Aitkin County Sheriff’s Office.

The Salvation Army has made available 50 clean-up kits. They are available to Aitkin County residents at the Aitkin County Sheriff’s Office on a first come first served basis.

Any county residents with questions or concerns are asked to call the Aitkin County Sheriff’s Office at 218-927-7435 or 888-900-2138.

CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION OF COUNTY BOARD OF AITKIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

ADOPTED July 26, 2016

By Commissioner: xx

20160726-0xx

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WHEREAS, high-water levels coupled with increased wave action have led to the inundation of low-lying yards and structures, and

WHEREAS, 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 26th day of July, 2016, the following Temporary Special Controls to Section 5 Regulations of the Watercraft Ordinance

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the following lakes shall have a slow-no wake restriction on the entire lake, effective immediately and concluding at (Time) on (Date), 2016:

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, Nathan Burkett, 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 26th day of July 2016, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and seal this 26th day of July 2016

Nathan Burkett
County Administrator