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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: June 25, 2019

Title of Item: Lake Superior 1 Watershed 1 Plan

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	Action Requested: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*
Submitted by: Steve Hughes		Department: Aitkin County SWCD
Presenter (Name and Title): Steve Hughes, District Manager		Estimated Time Needed: 10 minutes
Summary of Issue: The Lake Superior Watershed is beginning the 1 Watershed 1 Plan process. Aitkin County has the option to participate in person in all of the planning meetings, or to monitor progress and comment as appropriate throughout the process. I am asking the County Board to review the draft language below, and then to choose their level of participation in this watershed's planning process. This is similar to efforts that have recently started in the Rum River, and Snake River Watersheds. "We appreciate the opportunity to work with our partners on the management of the Lake Superior Watershed. In Aitkin County this watershed is relatively small and mostly publicly-owned. We ask to be included on all mailings regarding meeting agendas, minutes, and draft plan language. We do not plan to appoint a representative to serve on the planning committees at this time, but we will stay informed and provide input as appropriate."		
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments: Choosing to participate fully in the planning process would require the commitment to attend multiple meetings. County Commissioner, SWCD Supervisor, and various Staff participation would be necessary. Monitoring progress and providing limited input would reduce the commitment of resources.		
Recommended Action/Motion: Approve, modify, or disapprove of the draft language above.		
Financial Impact: Is there a cost associated with this request? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$ Is this budgeted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i> Attending meetings (likely in Duluth) would require time and financial resources.		

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