



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: January 28, 2020

Title of Item: Resolution for ECPL Grant - Budcapping

<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*
Submitted by: Rich Courtemanche		Department: Land
Presenter (Name and Title): Rich Courtemanche - Land Commissioner		Estimated Time Needed: n/a
Summary of Issue: Aitkin County Land Department desires to apply for a Expedited Conservation Partners Legacy Grant (ECPL) with the MN Department of Natural Resources to pay for bud capping services to protect pine trees planted after the 2016 blow-down event. Pine trees need to be protected from deer browse. The Land Department is asking for \$50,000 to be used over the next two years and would furnish the 10% match using materials and staff time. An e-mail of support from Craig Engwall, Executive Director of Minnesota Deer Hunters Association, is included in the application to the State.		
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments: An unexpected blow-down necessitated a larger than normal planting without the financial benefit from regular timber sales. Bud capping funding would help offset the storm impacts.		
Recommended Action/Motion: Adopt Resolution		
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? \$ 55,000 Is this budgeted? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i> Grant request will be approximately \$50,000 over two years and help reduce the expenses to the Forfeited Tax Sales. Match will be approximately \$5,000 in cash and in-kind resources.		

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

ECPL GRANT – BUDCAPPING

WHEREAS, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners supports the grant application made to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Expedited Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program. The application is to help fund tree protection for pine trees planted after the 2016 blow-down event, and

WHEREAS, The Aitkin County has the financial capability to meet the 10% match of non-state funds or in-kind resources,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, IF Aitkin County is awarded the grant by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Aitkin County agrees to accept the grant award, and may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota for the above referenced acquisition. Aitkin County will comply with all applicable laws, environmental requirements, and regulations as stated in the grant agreement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Aitkin County Land Commissioner is hereby authorized to execute such agreements as are necessary to implement the project on behalf of Aitkin County.

Commissioner xx moved for 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, Jessica Seibert, 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 28th day of January, 2020 and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and seal this 28th day of January, 2020

Jessica Seibert
County Administrator