



# Association of Minnesota Counties

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AMC 1-9-19

## AMC 2019 POLICY COMMITTEE & VOTING DELEGATE APPOINTMENTS

### 2019 AMC POLICY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Counties must appoint at least one commissioner or county official to each of the five AMC policy committees. Individuals may not serve as a voting member on more than one policy committee.

Policy Committee	2019 Policy Committee Member
Environment & Natural Resources Policy Committee	Anne Marcotte
General Government Policy Committee	Don Niemi
Health & Human Services Policy Committee	Cynthia Bennett
Public Safety Policy Committee	Laurie Westerlund
Transportation & Infrastructure Policy Committee	Bill Pratt

### INDIAN AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Eighteen counties are located in federally-recognized Indian County, while a substantial Native American population resides in Hennepin County. Each of these 19 counties may designate a voting member to AMC's Indian Affairs Advisory Committee. There are no alternate members for this group, but commissioners and staff from these counties are all invited to attend Indian Affairs meetings and events.

#### 2019 INDIAN AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE DELEGATE:

Please type (or clearly print) their name in the space here →

Laurie Westerlund

### 2019 AMC VOTING DELEGATE APPOINTMENTS

Please type (or clearly print) the names of your county's appointed AMC Voting Delegates for 2019 in the spaces below. Voting delegates are permitted to cast votes on behalf of one's county during official AMC meetings/business.

1	Laurie Westerlund
2	Don Niemi
3	Bill Pratt
4	Anne Marcotte
5	Jessica Seibert
6	Terry Neff
7	Cynthia Bennett
8	John Welle

#### ARTICLE 8: ASSOCIATION DELEGATES & DISTRICTS

**Section 1. Association Delegates** Each member county shall be entitled to a number of delegates equal to three more than the number of persons on the board of county commissioners of the member county. Delegates shall be appointed annually by the county board from among the officials and employees of the county. Each delegate so appointed shall be eligible to vote at any meeting of the Association or to be elected an officer or director of the Association. The right to vote at any meeting of the Association or to hold an office or directorship in the Association shall terminate when such person ceases to be a delegate from a member county or the county that delegate represents ceases to be a member of the Association. A vacancy in the office of delegate shall be filled by the county board for the unexpired term.

Please return to Laurie Klupacs @ [lkupacs@mncounties.org](mailto:lkupacs@mncounties.org)

# AITKIN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

Aitkin County Courthouse  
Jessica Seibert, County Administrator  
217 Second Street N.W. Room 134  
Aitkin, MN 56431  
218-927-3093  
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Aitkin Airport Commission  
Aitkin City Hall  
109 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue NW  
Aitkin, MN 56431

RE: County Commissioner Representatives

Commissioner J. Mark Wedel and John Welle have been appointed to serve on the Aitkin Airport Commission. Their contact information is as follows:

J. Mark Wedel  
515 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE  
Aitkin, MN 56431  
Home: 218-927-6500  
mark.wedel@co.aitkin.mn.us

John Welle  
1211 Airpark Drive  
Aitkin, MN 56431  
Work: 218-927-3741  
jwelle@co.aitkin.mn.us

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Aitkin County Historical Society  
P.O. Box 215  
Aitkin, MN 56431

RE: County Commissioner Representative

Commissioner J. Mark Wedel has been appointed as the Aitkin County Historical Society Liaison. Listed below is his address.

J. Mark Wedel  
515 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE  
Aitkin, MN 56431  
Home: 218-927-6500  
[mark.wedel@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:mark.wedel@co.aitkin.mn.us)

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Aitkin County Water Planning Task Force  
130 Southgate Center  
Aitkin, MN 56431

RE: County Commissioner Representative

Commissioner J. Mark Wedel has been appointed as representative to the Aitkin County Water Planning Task Force. His contact information is listed below.

J. Mark Wedel  
515 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE  
Aitkin, MN 56431  
Home: 218-927-6500  
[mark.wedel@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:mark.wedel@co.aitkin.mn.us)

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Aitkin Economic Development Administration  
Attn: Kathleen Ryan, Aitkin City Administrator  
109 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue NW  
Aitkin, MN 56431

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RE: County Commissioner Representative

Commissioner J. Mark Wedel has been appointed to serve on the Aitkin Economic Development Administration. His contact information is as follows:

J. Mark Wedel  
515 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE  
Aitkin, MN 56431  
Home: 218-927-6500  
[mark.wedel@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:mark.wedel@co.aitkin.mn.us)

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Krista Mattila  
Arrowhead Regional Development Council  
Arrowhead Center  
221 West 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Duluth, MN 55802

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RE: County Commissioner Representative

Commissioner Don Niemi has been appointed to serve as Aitkin County's representative on the Arrowhead Regional Development Council. His contact information is as follows:

Don Niemi  
32340 State Hwy 47  
Aitkin, MN 56431  
218-927-9947  
[don.niemi@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:don.niemi@co.aitkin.mn.us)

Please note Commissioner Niemi prefers to be contacted by regular mail or telephone.

Commissioner Laurie Westerlund has been appointed to serve as Alternate. Her contact information is below:

Laurie Westerlund  
30517 270<sup>th</sup> Lane  
Aitkin, MN 56431  
320-684-2652  
[laurie.westerlund@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:laurie.westerlund@co.aitkin.mn.us)

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Arrowhead Counties Association  
221 West 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Duluth, MN 56431

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RE: County Commissioner Representatives

Commissioners Don Niemi and Laurie Westerlund have been appointed as representatives to the Arrowhead Counties Association.

Listed below is their contact information:

Don Niemi  
32340 State Hwy 47  
Aitkin, MN 56431  
Home: 218-927-9947  
[don.niemi@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:don.niemi@co.aitkin.mn.us)

Please note Commissioner Niemi prefers to be contacted by regular mail or telephone.

Laurie Westerlund  
30517 270<sup>th</sup> Lane  
Aitkin, MN 56431  
Home: 320-684-2652  
[laurie.westerlund@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:laurie.westerlund@co.aitkin.mn.us)

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Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency  
421 SE 13<sup>th</sup> Street  
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

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RE: County Commissioner Representative

Commissioner Laurie Westerlund has been appointed as representative to the Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency. Her address is as follows:

Laurie Westerlund  
30517 270<sup>th</sup> Lane  
Aitkin, MN 56431  
320-684-2652  
[laurie.westerlund@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:laurie.westerlund@co.aitkin.mn.us)

Commissioner Don Niemi has been appointed Alternate. His contact information is below:

Don Niemi  
32340 State Hwy. 47  
Aitkin, MN 56431  
218-927-9947  
[don.niemi@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:don.niemi@co.aitkin.mn.us)



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Big Sandy Lake Management Plan  
49928 Lake Avenue  
McGregor, MN 55760

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RE: County Commissioner Representatives

Commissioner Bill Pratt has been appointed as representative to the Big Sandy Lakes Watershed Management Committee with Commissioner Anne Marcotte as alternate. Listed below are their addresses:

Bill Pratt  
36991 450<sup>th</sup> Street  
Palisade, MN 56469  
218-330-1759  
[bill.pratt@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:bill.pratt@co.aitkin.mn.us)

Anne Marcotte  
P.O. Box 192  
Hill City, MN 55748  
Home: 218-256-0277  
[anne.marcotte@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:anne.marcotte@co.aitkin.mn.us)

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Development Achievement Center  
P.O. Box 176  
McGregor, MN 55760

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RE: County Commissioner Representatives

Commissioner Laurie Westerlund has been appointed as Aitkin County's liaison to the Development Achievement Center and Don Niemi has been appointed the alternate. Listed below are their addresses.

Laurie Westerlund  
30517 270<sup>th</sup> Lane  
Aitkin, MN 56431  
Home: 320-684-2652  
[laurie.westerlund@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:laurie.westerlund@co.aitkin.mn.us)

Don Niemi  
32340 State Hwy 47  
Aitkin, MN 56431  
Home: 218-927-9947  
[don.niemi@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:don.niemi@co.aitkin.mn.us)

Please note Commissioner Niemi prefers to be contacted by regular mail or telephone.

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East Central Regional Library Board  
244 South Birch Street  
Cambridge, MN 55008

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RE: County Commissioner Representative

Commissioner Don Niemi has been appointed as an Aitkin County representative to the East Central Regional Library Board. His contact information is as follows:

Don Niemi  
32340 State Hwy 47  
Aitkin, MN 56431  
Home: 218-927-9947  
[don.niemi@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:don.niemi@co.aitkin.mn.us)

Please note Commissioner Niemi prefers to be contacted by regular mail or telephone.

Commissioner Bill Pratt has been appointed Alternate. His contact information is below:

Bill Pratt  
36991 450<sup>th</sup> Street  
Palisade, MN 56469  
218-330-1759  
[bill.pratt@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:bill.pratt@co.aitkin.mn.us)

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U of M Extension Regional Director  
Susanne Hinrichs  
322 Laurel Street, Suite 21  
Brainerd, MN 56401

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RE: County Commissioner Representative

Commissioner Laurie Westerlund has been appointed as representative to the Aitkin County Extension Committee. Commissioner Anne Marcotte has been appointed Alternate. Their addresses are:

Laurie Westerlund  
30517 270<sup>th</sup> Lane  
Aitkin, MN 56431  
Home: 320-684-2652  
[laurie.westerlund@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:laurie.westerlund@co.aitkin.mn.us)

Anne Marcotte  
P.O. Box 192  
Hill City, MN 55748  
Home: 218-256-0277  
[anne.marcotte@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:anne.marcotte@co.aitkin.mn.us)

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Nancy Johnson Houg  
Housing and Redevelopment Authority  
215 3<sup>rd</sup> Street SE  
Aitkin, MN 56431

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Dear Nancy:

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners appointed Commissioner Laurie Westerlund as liaison to the Housing Authority Board. Below is her contact information:

Laurie Westerlund  
30517 270<sup>th</sup> Lane  
Aitkin, MN 56431  
320-684-2652  
[laurie.westerlund@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:laurie.westerlund@co.aitkin.mn.us)

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Lakes and Pines  
1700 Maple Avenue E.  
Mora, MN 55051

RE: County Commissioner Representatives

Commissioner Don Niemi has been appointed as the Aitkin County Representative to Lakes and Pines, with Commissioner Anne Marcotte as the alternate. Their addresses are as follows:

Don Niemi  
32340 State Hwy 47  
Aitkin, MN 56431  
Home: 218-927-9947  
[don.niemi@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:don.niemi@co.aitkin.mn.us)

Please note Commissioner Niemi prefers to be contacted by regular mail or telephone.

Anne Marcotte  
P.O. Box 192  
Hill City, MN 55748  
Home: 218-256-0277  
[anne.marcotte@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:anne.marcotte@co.aitkin.mn.us)

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McGregor Airport Commission  
101 East Center Ave.  
McGregor, MN 55760

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RE: County Commissioner Representative

Commissioner Bill Pratt, and William Bedor have been appointed as representatives to the McGregor Airport Commission. Below is their contact information.

Bill Pratt  
36991 450<sup>th</sup> Street  
Palisade, MN 56469  
218-330-1759  
[bill.pratt@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:bill.pratt@co.aitkin.mn.us)

William Bedor  
8248 Kentucky Circle  
Bloomington, MN 55438  
952-941-5147

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MCIT  
100 Empire Drive, Suite 100  
St. Paul, MN 55103

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RE: County Representatives

Commissioner Laurie Westerlund has been appointed as representative to MCIT, with myself, as alternate. Listed below is our contact information:

Laurie Westerlund  
30517 270<sup>th</sup> Lane  
Aitkin, MN 56431  
Home: 320-684-2652  
[laurie.westerlund@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:laurie.westerlund@co.aitkin.mn.us)

Jessica Seibert  
217 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW, Room 134  
Aitkin, MN 56431  
218-927-3093  
[jessica.seibert@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:jessica.seibert@co.aitkin.mn.us)



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Mille Lacs Watershed  
130 Southgate Center  
Aitkin, MN 56431

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RE: County Commissioner Representatives

Commissioners Laurie Westerlund and Don Niemi have been appointed as representatives to the Mille Lacs Watershed. Their contact information is as follows:

Laurie Westerlund  
30517 270<sup>th</sup> Lane  
Aitkin, MN 56431  
Home: 320-684-2652  
[laurie.westerlund@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:laurie.westerlund@co.aitkin.mn.us)

Don Niemi  
32340 State Hwy 47  
Aitkin, MN 56431  
Home: 218-927-9947  
[don.niemi@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:don.niemi@co.aitkin.mn.us)

Please note Commissioner Niemi prefers to be contacted by regular mail or telephone.

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Mississippi Headwaters Board  
Land Services Building  
322 Laurel Street  
Brainerd, MN 56401

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RE: County Commissioner Representative

Commissioner Anne Marcotte has been appointed as representative to the Mississippi Headwaters Board. His address is as follows:

Anne Marcotte  
P.O. Box 192  
Hill City, MN 55748  
Home: 218-256-0277  
[anne.marcotte@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:anne.marcotte@co.aitkin.mn.us)

Commissioner Bill Pratt has been appointed Alternate. His contact information is below:

Bill Pratt  
36991 450<sup>th</sup> Street  
Palisade, MN 56469  
218-330-1759  
[bill.pratt@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:bill.pratt@co.aitkin.mn.us)

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MN Rural Counties  
Dan Larson  
5077 144<sup>th</sup> Street West  
St. Paul, MN 55124

RE: County Commissioner Representatives

Commissioner Don Niemi has been appointed as the representative to MN Rural Counties with Commissioner Bill Pratt as alternate. Listed below are their addresses.

Don Niemi  
32340 State Hwy 47  
Aitkin, MN 56431  
Home: 218-927-9947  
[don.niemi@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:don.niemi@co.aitkin.mn.us)

Please note Commissioner Niemi prefers to be contacted by regular mail or telephone.

Bill Pratt  
36991 450<sup>th</sup> Street  
Palisade, MN 56469  
218-330-1759  
[bill.pratt@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:bill.pratt@co.aitkin.mn.us)

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Arrowhead Regional Development Commission  
221 W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Duluth, MN 55802

RE: N.E. Minnesota Area Transportation Partnership County Representatives

John Welle, Aitkin County Highway Engineer has been appointed as representative to the N.E. Minnesota Area Transportation Partnership, with Commissioner Bill Pratt. Don Niemi has been appointed alternate. Their addresses are as follows:

John Welle  
Aitkin County Highway Department  
1211 Air Park Lane  
Aitkin, MN 56431  
218-927-3741  
[jwelle@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:jwelle@co.aitkin.mn.us)

Bill Pratt  
36991 450<sup>th</sup> Street  
Palisade, MN 56469  
[bill.pratt@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:bill.pratt@co.aitkin.mn.us)

Don Niemi  
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**Holly Olson | Information Specialist II**

St. Louis County Sheriff's Office  
911/Communications  
2030 North Arlington Avenue  
Duluth, Minnesota 55811

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RE: Appointments to ECB and RAC

**ECB:**

Anne Marcotte  
P.O. Box 192  
Hill City, MN 55748  
218-256-0277  
[anne.marcotte@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:anne.marcotte@co.aitkin.mn.us)

Sheriff, Alternate  
217 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW, Rm. 185  
Aitkin, MN 56431  
218-927-7400  
[dguida@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:dguida@co.aitkin.mn.us)

**RAC:**

Patrice Erickson  
Dispatch Supervisor  
217 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW, Rm. 185  
Aitkin, MN 56431  
218-927-7400  
[patrice.erickson@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:patrice.erickson@co.aitkin.mn.us)

Sheriff, Alternate  
217 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NW, Rm. 185  
Aitkin, MN 56431  
218-927-7400  
[dguida@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:dguida@co.aitkin.mn.us)

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NE MN Office Job Training  
P.O. Box 1028  
Virginia, MN 55792-1028

RE: County Commissioner Representative

Commissioner Don Niemi has been appointed as representative to the NE MN Office Job Training. Listed below is his address.

Don Niemi  
32340 State Hwy 47  
Aitkin, MN 56431  
Home: 218-927-9947  
[don.niemi@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:don.niemi@co.aitkin.mn.us)

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Northeast Waste Advisory Council  
307 1<sup>st</sup> Street S., Suite 115  
Virginia, MN 55792

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RE: County Commissioner Representatives

Commissioner Bill Pratt has been appointed as representative to the Northeast Waste Advisory Council with Laurie Westerlund as alternate. Listed below are their addresses.

Bill Pratt  
36991 450<sup>th</sup> Street  
Palisade, MN 56469  
218-330-1759  
[bill.pratt@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:bill.pratt@co.aitkin.mn.us)

Laurie Westerlund  
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Home: 320-684-2652  
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Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board  
35559 Hill Road  
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

RE: Aitkin County Membership Resolution and Representative

Commissioner Anne Marcotte has been appointed to represent Aitkin County at the NCLUCB meetings and Commissioner Bill Pratt is alternate. Their addresses are listed below.

Anne Marcotte  
P.O. Box 192  
Hill City, MN 55748  
Home: 218-256-0277  
[anne.marcotte@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:anne.marcotte@co.aitkin.mn.us)

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Snake River Watershed Management Board  
Teresa Wickeham  
903 Forest Ave N  
Mora MN 55051

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Phone: 218-330-1759  
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Tiffany Determan, District Manager  
Isanti SWCD  
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RE: Rum 1W1P Policy Committee  
Aitkin County Commissioner Representatives

Commissioner Laurie Westerlund has been appointed as representative to the Rum 1W1P Policy Committee, and Don Niemi has been appointed as Alternate. Listed below is their contact information.

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# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

Hand-out  
Add-on

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: January 22, 2018

Title of Item: Out of State Travel for Trail Groomers

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	<b>Action Requested:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft)	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing* <small>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</small>
<b>Submitted by:</b> Rich Courtemanche		<b>Department:</b> Land
<b>Presenter (Name and Title):</b> Rich Courtemanche - Land Commissioner		<b>Estimated Time Needed:</b> 5 min
<b>Summary of Issue:</b> <p>Request to send two staff members of the Aitkin County Land Department (ACLD) staff to an out of state trail grooming seminar and Expo in Ironwood, MI on January 23-24, 2019 (attachments)</p> <p>The County Land Department (ACLD) grooms three cross country ski trails (Vispo, Long Lake, and No Achen) and would like to improve its trail system. In addition, there is a cultural shift to "skate skiing" versus traditional in-line skiing. This is a change in how to groom. This once a year event would provide staff access a grooming clinic and seminar (\$125/person).</p> <p>ACLD will be replacing aging equipment in 2019 or 2020. Staff is attempting to evaluate grooming equipment. There are no local vendors. Vendors and grooming professionals are suggesting participating in the Grooming Expo and Show (free) to gain insight into what is available.</p> <p>I propose to send The Recreation Forester and the Forest Technician (2 staff) in charge of grooming to the event for a total cost of \$540 including fuel (County vehicle), hotel (1 night), per diem (2 days), and clinic admission (\$125/person).</p>		
<b>Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:</b> This is an annual event. Would like to provide staff with relevant training ASAP.		
<b>Recommended Action/Motion:</b> Approve out of state travel		
<b>Financial Impact:</b> 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? \$ 540 Is this budgeted? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i> Using existing training budget.		

# ABR TRAILS

A full service ski touring center located on over 1100 scenic acres of varied terrain along the Montreal River in Ironwood Michigan.

## ANNUAL GROOMING CLINIC

This year ABR will again be hosting the **20th Annual Midwest Grooming Clinic, January 23-24, 2019**

### Free Grooming Expo and Show Day 1 no cost

The format again for the clinic will be day 1 is a free expo and show. Vendors will be present with equipment to view and demo on day 1. The Big Barn will be available for coffee and rolls sponsored UP Fabrication and will have display space for brochures and vendor information. The parking lot across the road from the trail head will be for parking and will have all of the equipment displays and demonstrations. The ski trails across the road will be available for testing equipment. This day will be a great way to just show up from 10- 3 and check out the grooming equipment and visit with the reps.

Lunch available on premise by concessionaire for a fee.

### Fee Grooming Clinic and Seminar Day 2 cost \$125/person

Day 2 will be here in the Groomer barn at ABR from 9-12 will include all indoor lectures, discussions and forums. The price includes rolls and coffee. Discussions topics are listed below.

### Evening Meal/Social Hour

We will be meeting at the Ole Suffolk Ale House at 5 PM in the banquet room for the groomers to hang out and compare ideas, Dinner is available at 6:00 PM. The dinner will be paid per person and is not included in the seminar fees. They have excellent food and will featuring some of their specials for the groomers.

## Lodging

Book your lodging from the list on [www.abrski.com](http://www.abrski.com) and ask for clinic discount.

## Invited Vendors / Equipment

- Pisten Bully Tier 4 new model PB andPB 100's Rubber Track and Combi track
- Tidd Tech G2
- Yellowstone Track Systems Ginzu Groomers
- Ski-Doo TUV Expedition
- Yamaha Grizzly with Camoplast Tracks
- Polaris Ranger 1000 with Camoplast Tracks
- Artic Cat Bear Cat Groomers Special
- Snow Implements Rollers and Drags
- Northland Equipment dealer for John Deere and Artic Cat
- Prinoth
- UP Fabrication
- Kymco with Tracks
- Arrowhead Groomers
- John Deere Gators with Camoplast Tracks and power steering
- Nortec with powertiller
- Dominator American Tracck Truck
- Mountain Grooming

## Schedule

## Day 1 at ABR Big Barn and Dog Trails

- 10 AM -3 PM
  - Grooming 101 basic grooming fundamentals
  - Snowmobile set up for grooming.
    - Review of cooling, steering and wiring modifications to make your snowmobile work better for grooming.
  - Advanced and early season grooming techniques
  - Grooming with a Snow cat vs. ATV/UTV vs Snowmobile
  - Grooming from a skiers prospective
  - Grooming Scenarios

## Day 2 at ABR Big Barn north of trailead

- 9 AM -12 PM
  - Grooming 101 basic grooming fundamentals
  - Snowmobile set up for grooming.
  - Review of cooling, steering and wiring modifications to make your snowmobile work better for grooming.
  - Advanced and early season grooming techniques
  - Grooming with a Snow cat vs. ATV/UTV vs Snowmobile
  - Grooming from a skiers prospective
  - Grooming Scenarios
- 12:30-2:00 PM
  - Setting up your snowmobile for grooming (Suspension, clutching and wiring)
  - Hands on Operating a Snowmobile pulling a 9 foot groomer
  - Steering a grooming snowmobile

# AITKIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**Aitkin County Courthouse**  
217 Second Street N.W. - Room 134  
Aitkin, MN 56431

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January 22, 2019

St. Paul District Corps of Engineers,  
CEMVP-OP-R  
180 Fifth Street East, Suite 700  
Saint Paul, MN 55101

We, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners, are writing in support of granting the permits necessary to build the new Enbridge Line 3.

As rural county leaders, we are acutely aware of the 50 + year old Enbridge Line 3, and the safeguards and efficiencies building a proposed new Line 3 would provide. We are also keenly aware of the significant benefits utility infrastructure like Enbridge Line 3 provides to the local property tax base.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has requested comments relating to the proposed new Line 3 and impacts on endangered species, property, water and the environment.

Over 50 changes have been made to the new route proposal after years of negotiation and discussion with all affected parties - including county governments. We live along the route and we have a vested interest in protecting the environment in and around our communities. Many of our constituents have worked for or with Enbridge dating back as far back as the 1960's. We are confident that Line 3 will be safe and reliable.

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission has granted a Certificate of Need for Line 3 and approved the proposed route.

We urge you to grant the permits necessary to build the new Line 3.

Respectfully,

Anne Marcotte, Board Chair  
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners