

Is this budgeted?

Yes

Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request



Requested Meeting Date: February 9, 2021

Title of Item: Great River Energy Land Sale - Discussion **Action Requested: Direction Requested** REGULAR AGENDA Approve/Deny Motion Discussion Item CONSENT AGENDA Adopt Resolution (attach draft) Hold Public Hearing* INFORMATION ONLY *provide copy of hearing notice that was published Submitted by: Department: Rich Courtemanche Land Presenter (Name and Title): **Estimated Time Needed:** Rich Courtemanche, Land Commissioner 10 min **Summary of Issue:** Great River Energy has requested the direct purchase of the NENE, Sec 11, Kimberly Township to build electrical infrastructure adjacent to the existing power line easement that runs east/west at the north property line (maps attached). The discussion is to obtain Aitkin County Board intent before seeking special state legislation. Direct sale of lands classified as Conservation is allowed only through special legislation 282.02 Sub 2. (4) **Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:** Alternatives: (A) Sell the north half of NENE and retain south half to access County lands, (B) sell the entire 40 acres, or (C) deny the request as lands are classified as Conservation Recommended Action/Motion: Discussion item only: Land Commissioner recommends selling the north half of NENE of Sec 11 through direct sale with special legislation and retaining the south half for forest access. Financial Impact: Yes Is there a cost associated with this request? What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$

No

Please Explain:



