



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: February 24, 2026

Title of Item: ACLD Federal Recreational Trail Program Grant Application

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA	Action Requested:		<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested
	<input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft)	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item
	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Information Only

Submitted by: Dennis (DJ) Thompson	Department: Land
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Presenter (Name and Title): Dennis (DJ) Thompson, Land Commissioner	Estimated Time Needed: 5 Minutes
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Summary of Issue:

The Aitkin County Land Department is applying for grant money through the Federal Recreational Trails Program to purchase a new skid steer with a brush cutting attachment. Many of our ATV trails have become over-grown with brush along the sides. Contracting this work is very expensive considering how many miles of ATV trails need to be maintained. Equipment will not be purchased until 2027.

Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:

Recommended Action/Motion:
Adopt resolution supporting the Land Department's Federal Recreational Trail Program grant application.

Financial Impact:

Is there a cost associated with this request? Yes No

What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$ 100,000 to \$150,000

Is this budgeted? Yes No *Please Explain:*

The Land Department budgeted \$75,000 for the purchase of a new skid steer in 2027. That money will be used as match for the grant.

Resolution #20260224-xxx Federal Recreational Trail Program Grant Application

WHEREAS, Aitkin County supports the grant application made to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Federal Recreational Trail Program. The application is for the Land Department to purchase a new skid steer with a brush cutting attachment; AND

WHEREAS, Aitkin County recognizes the twenty-five (25) percent match requirement for the Federal Recreational Trail Program, and the Land Department has secured the matching funds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, if Aitkin County is awarded a 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 project. 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 applicant has read the Conflict of Interest Policy contained in the Trail Program Grant Manual and certifies it will report any actual, potential, perceived, or organizational conflicts of interest upon discovery to the state related to the application or grant award; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Aitkin County names the fiscal agent for this project as the Aitkin County Land Department; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Aitkin County hereby assures the equipment acquired through this grant will be maintained for no less than twenty (20) years as required by the Federal Recreational Trail Grant Program or until such time as appropriate disposition actions are approved by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Adopted this 24th Day of February, 2026 By The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners.

Attest:

J. Mark Wedel
County Board Chair

David J. Minke, County Administrator
Clerk to the County Board

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COUNTY OF AITKIN}**