



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request



**Requested Meeting Date:** April 28, 2026

**Title of Item:** Application for Grant-in-Aid Funds for Snowmobile and Ski Trails

<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA	<b>Action Requested:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only
<b>Submitted by:</b> Dennis (DJ) Thompson		<b>Department:</b> Land
<b>Presenter (Name and Title):</b>		<b>Estimated Time Needed:</b>
<b>Summary of Issue:</b> Attached is a resolution enabling the Aitkin County Trail Administrator to apply for Grant-in-Aid funds for snowmobile and ski trails.		
<b>Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:</b>		
<b>Recommended Action/Motion:</b> Adopt resolution for snowmobile and ski trail GIA funding for the 2026-2027 winter season.		
<b>Financial Impact:</b> <i>Is there a cost associated with this request?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <i>What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$</i> <i>Is this budgeted?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i>		

**Resolution #20260428-xxx - Snowmobile/Ski Trail Funding 2026-2027 Winter Season**

**WHEREAS**, Local units of government can apply for Grant-in-Aid funds for trail development, maintenance, grooming, and administration from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources at the rate of 65% reimbursement of the cost of trail maintenance and 90% reimbursement of costs of grooming;

**WHEREAS**, Aitkin County does not have the facilities to maintain the entire trail system in Aitkin County;

**WHEREAS**, Snowmobile Clubs have maintained these trails in the past, and wish to contract with the County for maintaining trails during the 2026-2027 winter season; AND

**WHEREAS**, these trails benefit the winter recreation, resort, industry, and economy of Aitkin County.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Aitkin County Trail Administrator be authorized to apply for Grant-in-Aid assistance funds for snowmobile trail maintenance and grooming, and ski trail maintenance and grooming for the following trails.

Aitkin Sno-Drifters Trails
McGrath/Finlayson Trails
Tamarack Trails
Haypoint Trails
Palisade Trails
Mille Lacs Trails
No Achen/LLCC Ski Trails

Adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> Day of April, 2026 By The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners.

Attest:

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J. Mark Wedel  
County Board Chair

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

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