



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

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

**Title of Item:** Resolution Amendment #20260324-042 Job Creation Fund- APT

<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA	<b>Action Requested:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested
	<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

<b>Submitted by:</b> Mark Jeffers	<b>Department:</b> Economic Development
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<b>Presenter (Name and Title):</b> Mark Jeffers, Economic Development Coordinator	<b>Estimated Time Needed:</b>
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**Summary of Issue:**

Board approved resolution #20260324-042. The Department of Employment and Economic Development has requested an amendment to this resolution to meet their requirements for the Job Creation Fund.

The attached amended resolution is presented for approval.

**Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:**

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Adopt amended Resolution of support for the Job Creation Fund application.

**Financial Impact:**

Is there a cost associated with this request?  Yes  No

What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$

Is this budgeted?  Yes  No *Please Explain:*

**Resolution #20260324-042 RESOLUTION REGARDING THE SUPPORT OF A JOB CREATION FUND APPLICATION IN CONNECTION WITH AMERICAN PEAT TECHNOLOGY**

**WHEREAS**, American Peat Technology, located in Aitkin County, Minnesota, is proposing a business expansion project that will result in capital investment and the creation of new full time employment opportunities; AND

**WHEREAS**, American Peat Technology intends to apply for assistance through the Minnesota Job Creation Fund administered by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development; AND

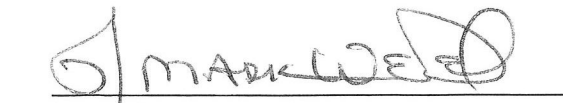
**WHEREAS**, the proposed project is expected to result in the creation of 10 new full-time jobs and approximately \$1.3 million in capital investment in Aitkin County;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners supports the application of American Peat Technology to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development for assistance through the Minnesota Job Creation Fund.; AND

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Aitkin County acknowledges the economic benefits of the proposed project and supports the company's efforts to expand operations and create jobs within the County.

Adopted this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 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

STATE OF MINNESOTA}  
COUNTY OF AITKIN}

**Resolution #20260324-042 (Amended) RESOLUTION REGARDING THE SUPPORT OF A JOB  
CREATION FUND APPLICATION IN CONNECTION WITH AMERICAN PEAT**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Aitkin, Minnesota (the “County”), desires to assist American Peat Technology, an environmental technology and manufacturing company, which is proposing to construct and improve a facility in the County; and,

**WHEREAS**, Aitkin County understands that American Peat Technology through and with the support of the County, intends to submit to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development an application for an award and/or rebate from the Job Creation Fund Program;

**WHEREAS**, Aitkin County held a Board of Commissioners meeting on March 24, 2026, to consider this matter.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AITKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, that the Board of Commissioners adopt the following findings of fact related to the project proposed by American Peat Technology and its application for an award and/or rebate from the Job Creation Fund Program and express their approval.

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners hereby finds and adopts the reasons and facts supporting the following findings of fact for the approval of the Job Creation Fund Program application:

1. Finding that the project is in the public interest because it will encourage the growth of commerce and industry, prevent the movement of current or future operations to locations outside Minnesota, result in increased employment in Minnesota, and preserve or enhance the state and local tax base.
  - a) American Peat Technology has added 5 executive employees in 2025 with 5 more additions planned for 2026 and up to 10 additional in 2027-2028.
  - b) The building expansion will improve the local and state tax base.
2. Finding that the proposed project, in the opinion of the Board of Commissioners, would not reasonably expect to occur solely through private within the reasonably foreseeable future.
  - a) Funding is needed to support this project. The alternative for American Peat would be to continue their current business model and not expand.
3. Finding that the proposed project conforms to the general plan for the development or redevelopment of the County as a whole.
  - a) Project meets the County Zoning requirements.
  - b) County Board of Commissioners have included business retention/expansion and attraction in the current strategic plan for the County.

4. Finding that the proposed project will afford maximum opportunity, consistent with the sound needs of the County as a whole, for the redevelopment or development of the project by private enterprise.
  - a) American Peat Technology has been a long-term positive influence and employment leader in Aitkin County. Addition of jobs are critical to tax base improvements in Aitkin County.

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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