



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

**Requested Meeting Date:** August 12, 2014

**Title of Item:** AIS Prevention Plan Discussion

<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) <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*
<b>Submitted by:</b> Terry Neff		<b>Department:</b> Environmental Services
<b>Presenter (Name and Title):</b> Terry Neff, Environmental Services Director		<b>Estimated Time Needed:</b> 15 Minutes
<b>Summary of Issue:</b> Discussion on process to adopt Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Plan.		
<b>Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:</b>		
<b>Recommended Action/Motion:</b> Approve establishing committee to report back to the County Board with a proposed AIS Prevention Plan.		
<b>Financial Impact:</b> Is there a cost associated with this request? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$ Is this budgeted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i>		
Legislature has appropriated \$125,061 in 2014 and \$277,913 in 2015 for AIS prevention to Aitkin County. Aitkin County must adopt an AIS Prevention Plan before the funds can be used.		

Legally binding agreements must have County Attorney approval prior to submission.

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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** July 28, 2014  
**TO:** Aitkin County Board of Commissioners  
Nathan Burkett, County Administrator  
**FROM:** Terry Neff, Environmental Services Director   
**RE:** Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Plan

At the end of the 2014 legislative session, the legislature appropriated funding to each county for the prevention of AIS. Aitkin County is to receive \$125,061 in 2014 and \$277,913 in 2015. In order to use these funds, the County must adopt an AIS Prevention Plan.

I would like to discuss with the County Board of Commissioners the process to develop and adopt an AIS Prevention Plan. I propose we establish a committee to review existing plans and information, and report back to the Commissioners with a proposed AIS Prevention Plan.

Suggested committee members:

- 2 County Commissioners
- County Administrator
- Environmental Services Director
- SWCD Manager
- 1 ACLARA Member
- 3 Lake Association Members (Big Sandy, Lone Lake, Mille Lacs Watershed)

If you have any questions, please contact me at 218-927-7342 or by e-mail at [tneff@co.aitkin.mn.us](mailto:tneff@co.aitkin.mn.us).

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