



Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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February 3, 2014

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The Honorable J. Mark Wedel, Chair
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners
217 Second Street NW RM 130
Aitkin, MN 56431

RE: Aitkin County Solid Waste Management Plan

Dear Commissioner Wedel:

On behalf of the Commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), I am pleased to inform you that on February 3, 2014, the Aitkin County Solid Waste Management Plan was approved. A copy of the Findings of Fact approving your plan is attached.

The county is eligible to apply for grants through the MPCA, and is entitled to continue receiving SCORE pass-through funds to support solid waste recycling and abatement programs. The next SCORE payments are due to go out in April 2014.

The MPCA recognizes the commitment Aitkin County made to the planning process. We appreciate the hard work your Solid Waste Administrator Terry Neff did in completing the plan and developing the county's SCORE programs. The MPCA wishes Aitkin County continued success as it implements the plan.

If you have any questions about the approval of the plan, do not hesitate to contact me at 218-302-6620 or Hank Fisher at 218-302-6630.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Heidi Kroening".

Heidi Kroening
Supervisor, Solid Waste Management Unit
Duluth Office
Resource Management and Assistance Division

HK:kmk

cc: Terry Neff, Solid Waste Administrator
Mary Baker, MPCA
Hank Fisher, MPCA

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY**

**In the Matter of the Approval of
Aitkin County's Integrated
Solid Waste Management Plan**

**FINDINGS of FACT,
CONCLUSIONS
ORDER**

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Minnesota Statutes Section 400.04, subd.1, authorizes counties to develop and maintain a solid waste management program, including a solid waste management plan. Solid waste management plan requirements are found in Minn. Stat. §§ 115A.46, 115A.55, subds.6-7, 115A.914, 115A.96, subd.6, 115A.97, 115A.46, subds.1(f) (g) (2003); and Minn. Rules Ch. 9215 (2009). Comprehensive solid waste management plans are intended to provide a structured analysis of a county's present and future solid waste management needs, and an analysis of alternative means for meeting these needs. Because the waste needs of a county and the availability of waste options are constantly changing, "plans are fluid and subject to change." In re Need for Land Disposal Capacity for Mixed Municipal Solid Waste for Winona County, No. C5-90-268, 1990 WL 115100, at *2 (Minn. Ct. App, Aug. 14, 1990). Nevertheless, the plan is an important step in a county's effort to address, in a comprehensive way, the long-term waste management needs of its residents.

2. Minnesota Statute § 115A.02 (b) provides:

- (b) The waste management goal of the state is to foster an integrated waste management system in a manner appropriate to the characteristics of the waste stream and thereby protect the state's land, air, water, and other natural resources and the public health. The following waste management practices are in order of preference:
1. waste reduction and reuse;
 2. waste recycling;
 3. composting of yard waste and food waste;
 4. resource recovery through mixed municipal solid waste composting or incineration;
 5. land disposal which produces no measurable gas or which involves the retrieval of methane gas as a fuel for the production of energy to be used on-site or for sale; and
 6. land disposal which produces measurable methane and which does not involve the retrieval of methane gas as a fuel for the production of energy to be used on-site or for sale.

3. The statutorily required contents of a county solid waste plan is set forth in Minnesota statute § 115A.46 which requires in part that “[p]lans shall address the state policies and purposes expressed in section 115A.02.” Section 115A.46, subdivision 2(c) also provides that the “plans shall require the most feasible and prudent reduction of the need for and practice of land disposal of mixed municipal solid waste.”

4. In November 2013, Aitkin County (County) prepared a county integrated solid waste management plan (Plan) and submitted it to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) for final approval. The MPCA staff reviewed it for conformance with the state statutes and rules and found that it satisfied the requirements (See Attachment A). The Plan proposes a waste management system that would, by the year 2022 result in the diversion of 35 percent of its waste through source reduction and recycling programs. Approximately 62 percent will be sent to the East Central Solid Waste Commission Landfill located in Mora, Minnesota for final disposal. Three percent is estimated to be illegally disposed of on-site.

5. Based on MPCA staff’s review, a recommendation was made to the Solid Waste Management Unit Supervisor to approve the plan.

6. On December 11, 2013 the MPCA issued a public notice of intent to approve the Plan. The public notice was published and posted in accordance with the procedures established in Minn. Rules pt. 9215.0850, subp.2.

7. The public notice stated that comments would be received until January 9, 2014. Neither the MPCA nor the County received any comments on the Plan.

8. Aitkin County proposes to implement an integrated solid waste management system involving source reduction, public education, recycling center, household hazardous waste (HHW) program, yard waste collection and electronics recycling, problem materials management, construction and demolition (C&D) disposal program and transfer station, . Findings 9 through 19 describe each of the system components.

9. Aitkin County regards source reduction as a primary solid waste issue. The County will continue to provide information to residents and businesses regarding this issue. The County believes

that weight/volume based tipping fees and public education are the most effective methods of reducing waste generation. Aitkin County will expand three (3) programs on waste reduction: (1) public education; (2) waste reduction in businesses; and (3) establish a cooperative working relationship with Crow Wing County on waste reduction. In addition, the County will continue to work with the North East Waste Advisory Council (NEWAC) in sponsoring regional waste reduction programs.

10. Aitkin County considers public education to be a very important component in its strategy to achieve waste abatement goals and is planning accordingly. Ongoing public education shall be provided for all elements of the solid waste program that can benefit from an informed public. Public education shall have a prominent role in Aitkin County's waste reduction, recycling, yard waste composting, household hazardous waste, and land disposal programs. The County will utilize the local media, MPCA pamphlets, County produced literature, public presentations, fairs, open houses, and onsite visits to enhance understanding.

11. Aitkin County endorses State recycling goals and policies, and intends to meet and exceed this goal. The County has established ambitious goals to meet the State's 35 percent recycling rate by 2022. The County will work with businesses to increase the accuracy and number of returned annual recycling reports. Aitkin County intends to continue with its existing program and will increase its educational efforts to residents and businesses. The County intends to make amendments to the Solid Waste Ordinance as needed to maintain recycling rates. The County intends to create problem material management programs in conjunction with Crow Wing County. These materials could include waste electronics, tires, appliances, and HHW. Aitkin County will also begin discussions with Crow Wing County, East Central Solid Waste Commission, Garrison Disposal and J&H Transfer on a mattress recycling program. Aitkin County will be requesting annual reporting from the five public drop-off yard waste composting sites.

12. The County will continue to participate in the regional household hazardous waste program in conjunction with Western Lake Superior Sanitary District (WLSSD), and will continue to provide household hazardous waste education programs. The County plans to continue holding two (2) collection events each year. A Very Small Quantity Generators (VSQG) collection program is

currently being operated in cooperation with appropriate state agencies and WLSSD which brings a mobile collection to Aitkin County.

13. The County banned yard waste from MSW in 1992. There are five (5) public drop-off sites for yard waste located within the County. The County plans to promote onsite management of yard waste in educational materials and through public awareness presentations. Aitkin County residents are well informed on the benefits of yard waste and organics composting. The practice of onsite composting has been ongoing for several generations. There is a large amount of yard waste and compostable organics that are disposed of onsite at residential properties each year that is not being counted towards the County's recycling rate. Yard sizes in rural areas are, on average, significantly larger than in more suburban areas where curbside collection is offered. The annual tonnage of organics composted onsite each year, per residential property, should be quantified. This will take the cooperation of the MPCA, composting facilities, and local units of government.

14. Aitkin County has established and is maintaining a program that provides for the proper management of, and complies with Minnesota Statutes for, all waste tires generated within Aitkin County. Aitkin County offers a waste tire collection day as the need arises. Based on the amount of tires received, these collection events could be held yearly. The County will be discussing the waste tire collection events with local nonprofit and charitable organizations to see if they will sponsor these collections as fund raising events. Aitkin County has contracted with Liberty Tire of Savage Minnesota, an MPCA licensed tire transporter, for transporting tires to a permitted tire processing facility. All tire retailers accept waste tires from their customers. These tires are periodically shipped to a licensed tire processing center. Garrison Disposal, J&H Transfer and Oak Ridge Demolition Landfill accept waste tires from the public at their facilities for a fee. The fees vary from \$3.50 to \$5.00 for a car tire, \$4.50 to \$5.00 for a truck tire, \$8.00 to \$30.00 for a semi tire and \$10.00 to \$40.00 for a tractor tire. At this time, there are no permitted waste tire storage or processing facilities in Aitkin County.

The current solid waste ordinance does not specifically address waste tires. However, as a solid waste, the proper management of waste tires is provided for within the general terms of the ordinance. There

are no known unpermitted waste tire dumps in the County. In 2012, Aitkin County public and private entities collected 147 tons of waste tires representing 30 percent of all problem materials collected that year.

15. It is the policy of Aitkin County to ensure that a collection option for electronic products is provided and its citizens and businesses are educated about the proper management of electronic products. It is the goal of Aitkin County to ensure that electronic products are properly disposed. Electronic products are accepted at the Garrison Disposal Transfer Facility, McGregor Transfer Station and J&H Transfer during the year for a fee. Residents have been able to recycle electronic products free of charge during one-day annual collection events since 2011. These collection events will continue on an annual basis as long as the cost remains at a minimum and may be expanded to include businesses at the contractor's discretion. During 2012, the County collected and processed 32.25 tons of waste electronics representing 7 percent of all problem materials collected during that time.

16. It is the policy of Aitkin County to ensure that a collection option for appliances is provided and its citizens and businesses are educated about the proper management of major appliances. It is the goal of Aitkin County to ensure that major appliances are properly disposed. Appliances are accepted at the Garrison Disposal Transfer Facility, McGregor Transfer Station, J&H Transfer Station and Oakridge Demolition Landfill. Residents have been able to recycle appliances free of charge at some facilities and during clean-up days. However, depending on the scrap markets they may be charged from \$20.00 to \$46.00 (if Freon) per appliance. All the facilities are self-hauling their appliances to Crow Wing Recycling. The contractors are certified in requirements for collectors and transporters and in compliance with all local, state and federal regulations for proper capture and disposal of hazardous products contained in the appliances. Aitkin County will continue to hold waste appliance collection events as needed, and will work with local non-profit organizations to hold waste appliance collection events as fund raisers. Aitkin County will continue discussions with Crow Wing County on joint efforts to manage waste appliances.

17. Aitkin County will continue to provide a convenient collection system for its

residents. It is the goal of the Aitkin County to ensure that its citizens are educated on proper disposal of waste oil and the harmful environmental effects created by improperly disposed waste oil. There are two (2) locations for the disposal of used oil and oil filters within the County. The Recycling Center in Aitkin and the McGregor Transfer Station serve as collection points for oil and oil filters. The collection of used oil and oil filters is also provided by the public sector at oil retailers for recycling, or energy recovery, or have signs posted informing their customers of the nearest disposal site. Used oil and oil filters are collected during the County household hazardous waste days. Antifreeze is collected for recycling at the two locations and during the household hazardous waste collections. The County will continue to run ads and print literature regarding waste oil and filter management. During 2012, the County collected and processed 80 tons of waste oil; 8 tons of oil filters and 2 tons of antifreeze representing 19 percent of all problem materials collected during that time. Aitkin County will explore the locations of other waste oil collection sites with local retailers. Locations in the northern and southern-eastern areas of the County will be pursued first. If grant money is available and willing local retailers are found, additional sites may be established.

18. It is the policy of Aitkin County to encourage the proper disposal of motor vehicle batteries and household batteries. It is the goal of Aitkin County to ensure that its citizens are educated about the proper disposal of motor vehicle batteries and household batteries. Lead acid batteries are accepted at the McGregor Transfer Station and during the household hazardous waste collection events. In cooperation with the WLSSD, the County has drop off sites for the collection of button batteries in order to remove mercury and other metals from the waste stream. Batteries are collected at both hardware stores and the drug store in Aitkin. The batteries that are collected are sent to WLSSD for proper disposal. The County also accepts batteries at the household hazardous waste collections. Lead acid battery retailers accept used batteries for recycling and various stores accept button batteries. In 2012, the County collected and processed 101 tons of vehicle batteries representing 21 percent of the problem materials collected during that time.

19. It is the policy of Aitkin County to promote the proper disposal of construction demolition debris (C&D). It is the goal of Aitkin County to ensure proper and legal disposal opportunities exist

within the County. Aitkin County promotes proper management of demolition debris through an ongoing educational program consisting of media releases and ads, distribution of brochures and presentations to groups. Aitkin County discourages Permit-by-Rule sites since the opening of the Oakridge Demolition Landfill located six miles south of the City of Aitkin. The wetland areas of Aitkin County limit the available area for permit-by-rule sites. The McGregor Transfer Station accepts demolition debris from the public. The demolition material is hauled to the Oakridge Demolition Landfill by J&H Transfer. Garrison Disposal collects demolition debris at their facility and hauls the materials to the Oakridge Demolition Landfill. J&H Transfer collects demolition debris at their facility and hauls the materials to the Oakridge Demolition Landfill. Oakridge Demolition Landfill is owned and operated by Waste Management Inc. The landfill is located six miles south of the City of Aitkin. A transfer station consisting of MSW containers and recyclable containers are part of the operation. Waste tires, appliances and yard waste are also accepted at this site. All demolition debris generated in Aitkin County is directed to the Oakridge Demolition Landfill. 13,382 cubic yards of demolition debris was disposed of at this facility in 2012. The life of this site is expected to be about thirty-five years at the present disposal rate. The County is committed to increasing education on the source separation of C&D waste and types of materials acceptable for disposal.

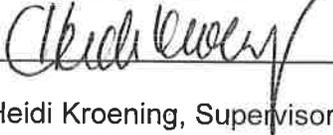
CONCLUSIONS

- A. The Aitkin County Plan meets the requirements of Minn. Stat. § 115A.46, 115A.551, subds. 6-7, 115A.914, 115A.96, subd. 6, 115A.97 (2000), 115A.46, subd. 1(f) (g) (2003), and Minn. Rules Ch. 9215 (2009).
- B. Aitkin County has demonstrated a commitment to recycle materials, as required by Minn. Stat. § 115A.551 (2000).
- C. The procedure followed by the MPCA in reviewing the Aitkin County Plan complied with the requirements of Minn. Rules Ch. 9215.0850, subp.2 (2009).
- D. Findings that might properly be termed conclusions and any conclusions that might properly be termed findings are hereby adopted as such.

ORDER

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Minn. Stat. § 1154.46; subd.1 (3e), the Aitkin County Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan is APPROVED with no conditions.

Dated: 2/3/14

Signed: 

Heidi Kroening, Supervisor, Solid Waste Management Unit

Attachment A Plan Checklist



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JEREMY NELSON – FIRE CHIEF

Co Board

February 12, 2014

Hill Lake Township

FEB 19 2014

Dear Township Officials,

I would like to invite all Township board members, who are part of the Hill City Fire Department coverage area, to a meeting on Thursday March 6th 2014 at 7pm at the Hill City City Hall Community Room. The purpose of this meeting is to get representatives from the Townships, that the Hill City Fire Department serves, together to discuss the “fairshare” costs, the new fairshare formula that was implemented last year, and any questions or concerns that you may have about the Hill City Fire Department.

The Hill City City Council approved a request that was made by Macville Township last spring regarding the new fairshare formula. They requested that auto accidents on state and county roads not be included in the calculation of the 3 year average of calls used in the formula. This will take effect with this years agreements. Other calls not included in the calculation are calls that are immediately cancelled prior to leaving the fire hall and also grass fires that we are reimbursed by the DNR for.

If you have any questions prior to the meeting please feel free to contact me. My cell phone number is 218-259-1481 and email is fire@hillcity-mn.com.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Jeremy Nelson – Fire Chief
Hill City Fire Dept.

ARROWHEAD COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Lake, Koochiching, Pine, St. Louis
Operating Statement
For the month ended January 31, 2014

January-14

1 months = 8.33%

<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Jan-14</u>	<u>Year to date</u>	<u>Year ended December 2014 Budget</u>	<u>YTD % of Budget</u>	<u>Budget Balance</u>
County Dues	6,000	6,000	6,000	100%	-
Lobbying Fees	14,000	14,000	14,000	100%	-
Interest	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>50</u>	2%	49
Total Revenue	<u>20,001</u>	<u>20,001</u>	<u>20,050</u>		
<u>Expenditures</u>					
Admin Cost		-	3,600	0%	3,600
Accounting		-	1,650	0%	1,650
Lobbying		-	11,000	0%	11,000
Meeting expenses	50	50	630	8%	580
Special Meetings		-	1,000	0%	1,000
Other		-	<u>500</u>	0%	500
Total Expenditures	<u>50</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>18,380</u>		
Revenues over/(under) Expenditures	19,951	19,951	<u><u>1,670</u></u>		
Fund Balance, Begin 12-31-2013	<u>5,323</u>	<u>5,323</u>			
Fund Balance, Ending	<u><u>25,274</u></u>	<u><u>25,274</u></u>			

ARROWHEAD COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, Pine, St. Louis

January 15, 2014

Minutes

Members Present

Curt Rossow, Pine County
Matt Ludwig, Pine County
Kevin Adee, Koochiching County
Marv Bodie, Carlton County
Rob Ecklund, Koochiching County
Dick Brenner, Carlton County

Sue Hakes, Cook County
Keith Nelson, St. Louis County
Pete Walsh, Lake County
Leo Trunt, Itasca County
Bruce Martinson, Cook County

Others Present

Pat Henderson, ARDC
Trish Klein, Itasca County

John Ongaro, St. Louis County, Lobbyist
Rani Douville, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order/Introduction/Agenda Review

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chair Bodie. Mr. Bodie asked the committee for any changes/additions/deletions to the meeting agenda. No changes were requested.

Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Rob Ecklund, seconded by Dick Brenner.

Approved by unanimous vote.

2. Minutes

Minutes of the December 18, 2013 meeting were reviewed.

Motion to approve the minutes as submitted was moved by Dick Brenner, seconded by Pete Walsh.

Approved by unanimous vote.

2.1 Curt Rossow introduced Matt Ludwig, Commissioner for Pine County. Round table introductions were made of the committee for the benefit of the new members/visitors present this evening.

3. Election of Officers

Call for election of Arrowhead Counties Association officers for 2014 were completed.

The new officers will be:

Chair: Commissioner Kevin Adee, Koochiching County
Vice Chair: Commissioner Curt Rossow, Pine County
Treasurer: Commissioner Frank Jewell, St. Louis County

Appointments for reporting of AMC & NACO 2014 events will be:

AMC: Kevin Adee
NACO: Open

3.1 AMC Report

Kevin Adee reported that there have been no meetings since the December annual meeting. There will be a meeting in St. Paul tomorrow (1/16) and the governor will be in attendance. One of the topics to be discussed is corrections funding.

4. Financial Report

Kevin Adee presented the financial report in the absence of Commissioner Jewell. Motion to approve the financial report as submitted and approve payment of \$50 for tonight's meeting room at the Hampton Inn was moved by Rob Ecklund, seconded by Sue Hakes.

Approved by unanimous vote.

It was noted that a discussion of possible ACA dues increase will be an agenda item at the September 2014 ACA meeting.

5. Legislative Report

Voyageurs National Park sewer project is included in Governor's bonding priorities.

NERCC – The change in project scope caused confusion in the capital offices. The project looked like it had already been funded so it was not included in the Governor's bonding priorities. Disappointing. John will be looking to Senator Bakk for help in funding this project.

The handout this evening is MN HF2021 regarding wetland provisions. There was a brief discussion and it was decided that this issue should properly fall under the 4th item on our legislative agenda chart "WCA Wetland Banking". Unofficial hearings will be starting soon at the legislature. We need to get our priorities listed tonight.

The legislative session start early this year and the AMC Legislative conference also falls early (Feb 26 – 27). Should we be planning the annual AMC Legislative Dinner or is this too soon? By consensus it was decided that it is too early to try and have a dinner and it will be very difficult to get attendance this year. It was decided that no ACA legislative dinner will occur this year.

Discussion of PILT & Thye-Blatnick payments – how this impacts Arrowhead Counties Association members.

5. AMC Report

See 3.1

6. NACO

No Report.

7. County Roundtables

Carlton County

Board Chair: Dick Brenner

Board Vice Chair: Marv Bodie

Koochiching County

Board Chair: Rob Ecklund

Board Vice Chair: Wade Pavleck

Lack of licensed well drilling companies in Koochiching County is becoming an issue. By law, well repairs must be completed by a licensed contract. It is expensive to get a well driller to come to Koochiching County.

GED Testing is also an issue. The facility requirements are making it very tough for Koochiching County residents to obtain a seat for a GED test.

Cook County

Board Chair: Jan Hall

Board Vice Chair: Bruce Martinson

Grand opening of the new YMCA was held January 4th with great success. It was anticipated that 400 people would become members but over 900 have signed up.

The new administrator, Jay Kieft, is doing a great job.

St. Louis County

Board Chair: Mike Forsman

Board Vice Chair: Pete Stauber

There is a new commissioner for district 2 – Patrick Boyle

Lake County

Board Chair: Rich Sve

Board Vice Chair: Rick Goutermont

There is a new commissioner for district 4 – Jeremy Hurd

Itasca County

Board Chair: Leo Trunt

Board Vice Chair: Davin Tinquist

The fairgrounds taskforce is working on long range planning.

1.2 million in timber sales.

Using waste heat from the mill to heat Y and school. Good use of this waste by-product.

Introduced Trish Klein, County Administrator for Itasca County.

Pine County

Board Chair: Curt Rossow

Board Vice Chair: Steve Chaffee

Aitkin County

Not present.

8. Next Meeting

The next ACA meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting location will be the Hampton Inn Conference Room on Canal Park.

9. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:45 p.m. by Leo Trunt, seconded by Dick Brenner.

Approved by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rani Douville

Recording Secretary

ARROWHEAD COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, Pine, St. Louis

Wednesday, February 19, 2014

6:00 p.m.

Hampton Inn Conference Room

310 Canal Park Drive, Duluth Minnesota

PROPOSED AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Agenda Review
2. Minutes
Approval January 15, 2014 Meeting Minutes
3. Financial Report – Frank Jewell
4. Legislative Report – John Ongaro
5. AMC Report – Kevin Adee
6. NACO Report
7. County Roundtables
8. Next Meeting
The next regularly scheduled meeting of Arrowhead Counties is Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at the Hampton Inn, Duluth.
9. Adjourn

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February 13, 2014

Senator Carrie Ruud
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RE: Aitkin County's Legislative Resolutions

Dear Senator Ruud:

At our February 11, 2014 Board meeting the Aitkin County Board adopted a resolution asking for amendments to the law requiring publication of public notices in a designated official newspaper:

- Resolution 021114-013 – Publication Alternatives

The Board asks that you vote to approve the amendments as outlined in our resolution.

Thank you,

J. Mark Wedel, Chairman
Aitkin County Board

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CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION OF COUNTY BOARD OF AITKIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

ADOPTED February 11, 2014

By Commissioner: Napstad

021114-013

Publication Alternatives

WHEREAS, counties are currently required by law to publish public notices in a designated official newspaper for the county (Minn. Stat. § 331A); and

WHEREAS, counties are committed to providing information to citizens and increasing access to information about county operations and business; and

WHEREAS, citizens expect and demand information in an immediate format; and

WHEREAS, counties have limited resources and must utilize tax dollars in the most efficient way possible; and

WHEREAS, counties should have the authority to determine the best and most efficient method of communicating information to citizens based on citizen expectations; and

WHEREAS, counties are continuously improving and investing in technology to reach more citizens in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, utilizing county websites to publish public notices would eliminate the time and costly burden of publishing in newspapers; and

WHEREAS, county websites are increasingly the first place citizens look for information about their counties; and

WHEREAS, the ability of county websites to provide citizens with up-to-date, detailed information exceeds that of print media

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners supports HF 1286 and SF 1152, legislation now before the 2014 legislature that would allow counties to publish certain public notices on their websites instead of, or in addition to, in an official newspaper.

Commissioner Niemi moved the adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote

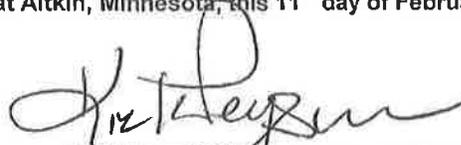
FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT

All Members Voting Yes

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
County of Aitkin) ss.
Office of County Auditor,)

I, Kirk Peysar, Auditor, of the County of Aitkin, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in my office on the 11th day of February A.D., 2014, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE at Aitkin, Minnesota, this 11th day of February A.D., 2014


KIRK PEYSAR, County Auditor
BY _____, Deputy

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CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION OF COUNTY BOARD OF AITKIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

ADOPTED February 11, 2014

By Commissioner: Napstad

021114-013

Publication Alternatives

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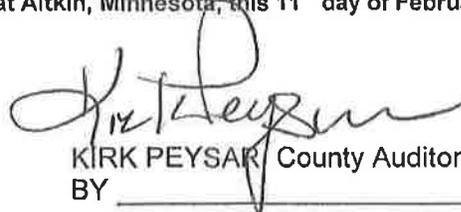
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All Members Voting Yes

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WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE at Aitkin, Minnesota, this 11th day of February A.D., 2014


KIRK PEYSAR, County Auditor

BY _____, Deputy

Sue Bingham

From: Sue Bingham [sue.bingham@co.aitkin.mn.us]
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2014 1:37 PM
To: 'bberentson@mncounties.org'
Cc: 'roxy.traxler@co.aitkin.mn.us'; 'Marcotte, Anne'; 'Napstad, Brian (brian.napstad@co.aitkin.mn.us)'; 'Niemi, Don'; 'Wedel, Mark (mark.wedel@co.aitkin.mn.us)'; 'Westerlund, Laurie (laurie.westerlund@co.aitkin.mn.us)'
Subject: Resolution - Publication Alternatives
Attachments: Publication Alternatives.pdf

Attached is Aitkin County's resolution in support of publication alternatives.

Thank you.

*Sue Bingham
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Aitkin County Administration
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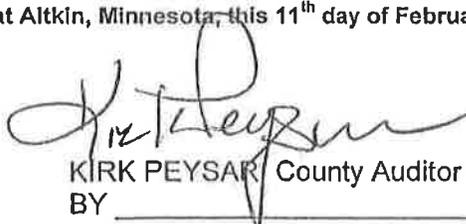
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February 11, 2014

Robert Palmer
11709 117th Street
Finlayson, MN 55735

Dear Robert:

At the February 11, 2014 Aitkin County Board meeting, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners appointed you to the Forest Advisory Committee as the District 3 representative. We thank you for your application and congratulate you on your appointment!

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Jacobs, Land Commissioner, at (218) 927-7364.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "MARK" followed by a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

J. Mark Wedel, Chair
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

cc: **Aitkin County Board of Commissioners**
Mark Jacobs, Land Commissioner

