



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

## 4A

Agenda Item #

**Requested Meeting Date:** February 10, 2026

**Title of Item:** Designation of LLCC from GMRPT

☒ REGULAR AGENDA

☐ CONSENT AGENDA

**Action Requested:**

☐ Approve/Deny Motion

☒ Adopt Resolution (attach draft)

☐ Hold Public Hearing *\*provide copy of hearing notice that was published*

☐ Direction Requested

☐ Discussion Item

☐ Information Only

**Submitted by:**

Dennis (DJ) Thompson

**Department:**

Land

**Presenter (Name and Title):**

Dennis (DJ) Thompson, Land Commissioner

**Estimated Time Needed:**

10 Minutes

**Summary of Issue:**

Long Lake Conservation Center is seeking designation from the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission as a park of Regional Significance.

The Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission was established in 2013 to carry out system planning and provide recommendations to the legislature for grants funded by the Legacy Parks and Trails Fund to counties, cities, and Tribal Governments outside the seven-county metropolitan area for parks and trails of regional significance.

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

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Adopt resolution supporting Long Lake Conservation Center's application for regional designation.

**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 #20260210-XXX**  
**Regional Park or Trail Designation Application in Greater Minnesota for Long Lake**  
**Conservation Center**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Minnesota provides a process for the designation of Regional Parks and Trails in Greater Minnesota through the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission.

**WHEREAS**, Long Lake Conservation Center provides significant natural, educational, and recreational benefits to residents and visitors of Aitkin County and the surrounding region;  
AND

**WHEREAS**, Aitkin County is seeking designation of Long Lake Conservation Center as a Regional Park in Greater Minnesota, with Aitkin County serving as the lead applicant; AND

**WHEREAS**, Aitkin County has the legal authority to act as the public sponsor for the application and is fully aware of the information provided in the application and the associated long-term responsibilities as defined in the application materials, master plan, and supporting documentation.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners supports the application for designation of Long Lake Conservation Center as a Regional Park in Greater Minnesota and authorizes Aitkin County to act as the legal public sponsor for the application; AND

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that should Long Lake Conservation Center receive formal designation as a Regional Park in Greater Minnesota by the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission, the Aitkin County Land Department is authorized to enter into formal designation and funding agreements with the Commission for the referenced park; AND

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Aitkin County certifies it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations associated with regional designation and any future grant funding related to this designation.

Adopted this 10<sup>th</sup> Day of February, 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}**