

SPECIAL MEETING AS POSTED
BECKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DATE: Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at 8:15 a.m.
LOCATION: Board Room, Courthouse

Agenda/Minutes

1. Meeting presided over by Board Chair Skarie. All Commissioners in attendance; County Administrator, Jack Ingstad, and Minute Taker, Cindy Courneya.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. There were no changes made to the agenda.
4. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS): Jack Ingstad, County Administrator, and Steve Skoog, Environmental Services Director presented:
 - a. Jack Ingstad reported that he has received information from Ann Pierce from the MN Department of Natural Resources, that the County is able to enter into Memorandums of Understanding (MOU's) with County Townships and Lake Associations to hire seasonal AIS educators, without signing the Delegation Agreement, as long as they have gone through the volunteer training with the DNR. He also presented Resolution 05-13-1S, requesting the approval for the Emergency Hiring of Seasonal Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Educators.
 - b. Steve Skoog is in the process of developing MOU templates and he will work out the details with the Auditor-Treasurer and Human Resources (HR), with HR approving the actual hires. The timeline should move fairly quickly and should be ready to move forward this week with beginning the process.
 - c. Discussion was held in reference to including the City of Detroit Lakes as well. Bob Louiseau, City Administrator, was present and informed the Board that the City has designated \$10,000 for Volunteer AIS Inspections, with the intent to coordinate efforts with the County. The City will need a separate MOU.
 - d. Barb Halbakken-Fischburg requested that Watersheds be included also and to change the resolution to state "Local Government Units" instead of "County Townships".
 - e. Commissioner Nelson requested to also include other sponsoring groups and/or organizations; that we do not want to exclude anyone. Mr. Skoog noted that this could be done as long as there is one person designated to take the lead role and to sign the agreement.
 - f. Commissioner Grimsley thanked Mr. Ingstad and the Becker County staff for all of their efforts.
 - g. It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 05-13-1S, to approve the Emergency Hiring of Seasonal AIS Educators, with the change in language from "County Townships"

to “other Local Government Units”, and to add the City of Detroit Lakes and other sponsoring groups and/or entities. (Grimsley, Nelson), carried.

h. It was moved and seconded to approve the request to direct staff to facilitate the emergency hire of Seasonal AIS Educators, as presented. (Okeson, Grimsley), carried.

5. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Skarie.

/s/ Jack Ingstad
Jack Ingstad
County Administrator

/s/ Don Skarie
Don Skarie
Board Chair