

Whereas, Minnesota Statute §6.79 allows local governments to submit to the State Auditor proposed changes to state mandates, and

Whereas, mandate proposals will be listed on the State Auditor’s website, along with the name of the local government submitting the proposals, and

Whereas, in order for a snowmobile or ATV Club to receive monies for the DNR to maintain Grant in Aid (GIA) trails, a Local Governmental Unit (LGU) sponsors the club, and

Whereas, the LGU must inspect the work performed, verify records of the club, and solicit and maintain governmental sponsorship through Board action and forward paperwork to the DNR, and

Whereas, at a minimum this requires 40-60 hours per year of personnel time that is borne by the LGU, and

Whereas, this time and financial commitment is not recognized by the DNR, and

Whereas, the State should provide a portion of the monies collected from licenses and fees to compensate LGU's for these costs, and

Whereas, in the case of Pine County, these costs and time are borne by the Land Department and paid from the Tax Forfeited Trust Fund, and

Whereas, the Tax-Forfeit Trust Fund receives no benefits from the State for this program, now

Be it resolved, the State should appropriate the necessary funds to cover the costs of the LGU's expenses.

February 7, 2006- Regularly scheduled County Board of Commissioners Meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson to approve and adopt Resolutions in support of State mandates on Counties which should be rescinded or modified, and to request that the State Auditor post said Resolutions for the State Legislature to consider being rescinded or modifying as authorized under State legislation. Second by Commissioner Carlson, motion carried.

STATE OF MINNESOTA)) ss.
COUNTY OF PINE)

I, John G. Stieben, County Coordinator of Pine County, Minnesota, hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of resolution of the County Board of said County with the original record thereof in the minutes of the proceedings of said Board at a meeting duly held 7th day of February 2006, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original record and that said resolution was duly adopted by said Board at said meeting.

Witness my hand this 13th day of February 2006.

John G. Stieben, County Coordinator
Pine County, Minnesota