

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

January 17, 2017
Courthouse Commissioner Room
Ivanhoe, MN 56142

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Board Chair, Richard Hamer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners present were Joe Drietz, Rick Hamer, Corey Sik, Jack Vizecky, and Mic VanDeVere. Also present were County Auditor, Deb Vierhuf and Lincoln County Attorney, Glen Petersen. No conflicts of interest were noted.

Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Drietz to approve consent agenda which included the minutes from January 03, 2017, Pay Equity Report, and the agenda for January 17, 2017. All voted in favor.

Dale Sterzinger, SWCD Conservation Technician, presented a copy of the Yellow Medicine One Watershed One Plan to the Board. The plan covers the years 2017 – 2026. After a brief summary of the plan, Sterzinger presented Resolution No. 12-2017 Resolution to Adopt and Implement the Yellow Medicine River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. Motion by Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere to approve Resolution No. 12-2017 Resolution to Adopt and Implement the Yellow Medicine River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. All voted in favor.

**Resolution No. 12-2017
Resolution to Adopt and Implement
the Yellow Medicine River
Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan**

Whereas, that Lincoln County has been notified by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources that the Yellow Medicine River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan has been approved according to Minnesota Statutes §103B.101, Subdivision 14 and Board Resolutions #14-46 and 14-68:

Now; Therefore, Be it Resolved, the county hereby adopts and will begin implementation of the approved Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan for the area of the county identified within the Plan.

Be it Further Resolved after the adoption of the Plan, the county shall amend existing water and related land resources plans and official controls as necessary to conform them to the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan.

Be it Further Resolved after the adoption of the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan or amendments to the plan, Lincoln County shall notify local units of government within Lincoln County. The local units of government are required to submit existing water and related land resources plans and official controls within 90 days to the county for review as per Minnesota Statutes, Section 103B.321.

Be it Further Resolved that within 180 days, the county shall review the submitted plans and official controls and identify any inconsistencies between the local plans and official controls and the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. Lincoln County shall specify applicable and necessary measures to bring the local plans and official controls into conformance with the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan.

Be it Further Resolved if a local unit of government disagrees with any changes to its plan, the local unit has 60 days after receiving the county's recommendations to appeal the recommendations to the Board of Water and Soil Resources.

Be it Further Resolved after receiving the recommendations of the county, or a resolution of an appeal, a local unit of government has 180 days to initiate revisions to its plan or official controls. The new or revised plans and official controls must be submitted to the county for review and recommendations.

ATTEST:

Richard Hamer, 2017 Board Chair

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Sterzinger also presented the Yellow Medicine County Comprehensive Local Water Plan Amendment. This covers the Redwood, Missouri, and LacQuiParle Watersheds for the next 5 years. Sterzinger asked for approval of Resolution No. 11-2017 Resolution for Adoption and Implementation of the Lincoln County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan Amendment. Motion by Vizecky, seconded by Drietz to approve Resolution No. 11-2017 Resolution for Adoption and Implementation of the Lincoln County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan Amendment. All voted in favor.

**Resolution No. 11-2017
Resolution for Adoption and Implementation
of the Lincoln County**

**Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan
Amendment**

WHEREAS, on December 19th, 2016, the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) approved the Lincoln County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the BWSR approval did stipulate that Lincoln County was required to update the goals, objectives and action items of the Plan through amendment by December 31st 2016; and

WHEREAS, following the Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan Amendment Guidelines developed by the BWSR, Lincoln County submitted the amendment to the BWSR for approval; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners has been notified by BWSR that the amendment to the Lincoln January 1st, 2017 to December 31st, 2021 County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan has been approved according to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103B.301.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Lincoln County Board Commissioners hereby adopts and will begin implementation of its amended Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the amended Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan shall be in effect until December 31st, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, after adoption of the amended Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan, Lincoln County shall notify local government units within the County of the adoption of this amendment to the plan.

ATTEST:

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Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor

Sterzinger also informed the Board that the SWCD office would like to keep the Water Plan Coordinator within their office. There will need to be Board action on this at a later date. Sterzinger also informed the Board that he is the Interim Manager and they will be advertising for the Office Administrator soon and are looking at a possible shared position. Information only.

Vince Robinson, Executive Director of Lincoln County Enterprise Development Corp, informed the board that a Lincoln County Housing Assessment has been completed and there is a meeting on January 19th to go over the Assessment. All of the Commissioners are invited to attend.

Robinson also requested that the Board appoint a new Commissioner to the Broadband Task Force and informed the Board that there is a meeting that should be attended on January 23, 2017 at 9:00 in the Commissioners room of the Lyon County Government Center. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Sik to appoint Commissioner VanDeVere and Drietz to the Broadband Task Force and to appoint Commissioner Hamer as the alternate. All voted in favor.

Robinson also gave an update on the Hole in the Mountain Designation Plan. The plan should be completed by the end of the month. Public meetings will be set up for March and April. Information only.

Robinson also informed the Board that the next HRA meeting will be held on January 24th at 5:15 at the Benton Valley Manor. Information only.

Chad Meester, Lincoln County Sheriff, was present to give an update on the Zuercher Contract and the Memorandum of Understanding with Nobles County. The contract and Memorandum was handed out for review. If any Commissioners are interested in looking at the system at another County, they are welcome to attend. Meester addressed some questions and concerns. Information only at this time.

Robert Olsen, Environmental, informed the Board that we have received the CD #40 Viewer Report and asked for a motion to acknowledge the receipt of said report and set a Public Hearing date. Motion by Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere to acknowledge receipt of the CD #40 Viewer Report and set a Final Hearing date for discussion on March 7, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's room. All voted in favor.

Olsen also presented the annual report of septic permits, septic loans, septic grants, land use permits, and fees collected. Information only.

Olsen also presented the 2016 Environmental Hours Report that shows how many staff hours are spent on each program. Information only.

Dave Halbersma, Lincoln County Engineer, presented the project updates. They were as follows:

- Close to finalizing the 2017 paving plans.
- Close to submitting Highway Safety Improvement Project Grant plans.
- Working on Box Culvert Plans.
- Looking at different options for the Tyler shop such as the size of the building and insulation options.

Halbersma also informed the Board that there has been some discussion on the Red Pine Wind Project road use agreement. There should be one in place by the end of February.

Halbersma also reviewed the Governors Bonding Bill. The topics of interest were:

- Proposing 70 million for a bridge replacement program. This money is used to help fund the bridges on our State Aid roads.
- BWSR Local Road Wetland Replacement Program - There was no funding for this program last year.
- 7 million is proposed for the local Road Improvement Projects.

Halbersma also requested that the Road and Bridge public Hearing be set to discuss the 5 year road plan. The public and other local governments will be invited to give their input. Motion by Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere to set the Road and Bridge Public Hearing to discuss the 5 year road plan for March 21, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. All voted in favor.

Halbersma also informed the Board that he has information to consider for a land purchase that contains gravel. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Vizecky to go into closed session at 11:00 a.m. to discuss the terms of the purchase of land in Verdi and Lake Benton Township. All voted in favor.

Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Sik to go out of closed session at 11:15 a.m. All voted in favor.

Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Sik to approve the offer to purchase 75.09 acres in Verdi Township (parcel # 15-0110-010) and 40 acres in Lake Benton Township (parcel #'s 08-0162-000 & 08-0163-000) after a land description correction is made and approve the earnest money of \$90,000 be paid out of the Road and Bridge Fund and authorize the Board Chair and Auditor to sign the final agreement at a total purchase price of \$604,528.00 with the remaining amount of \$514,528.00 to be paid at closing. All voted in favor.

Halbersma presented the maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- The Motor Grader is budgeted to be replaced. Pricing will be brought back to the Board at a future date.
- Signs that went down in the wind storm are being replaced.
- Snow removal is continuing.
- Have been looking at the prices of pickups to replace two of the current pickups.

Halbersma also asked for approval of the purchase of a grapple fork for the skid steer that is included in this year's budget. The low quote was for a Titan Grapple Fork in the amount of \$5,107.65. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Vizecky to purchase a skid steer Titan Grapple Fork for the Road and Bridge department in the amount of \$5,107.65. All voted in favor.

Halbersma also notified the Board that the Highway Labor Management meeting will be January 30th at 8:00 a.m.

Committee Reports were given:

Drietz – RCRCA, Safety Meeting
 Hamer – LSLID
 Sik – LBLID, SW Environmental Task Force
 VanDeVere – LSLID
 Vizecky – None

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere, to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #3916 - #3996 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$57,088.95, Road & Bridge - \$19,214.89, Ditch - \$50.31, Solid Waste Task Force - \$1,700.00, LBLID - \$1,815.68, and LSLID - \$403.85. All voted in favor.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: A & B Business Solutions - \$3,315.00, Bueltel, Moseng, Land Surveying Inc. - \$2,640.00, Computer Prof Unlimited Inc. - \$4,988.96, Kirkvold Oil Co - \$2,231.91, Liberty Septic, Inc. - \$10,354.65, Lyon County Auditor-Treasurer - \$4,781.99, MN Counties Intergov. Trust – St. Paul - \$2,015.00, Prairie Pride Cooperative - \$3,182.29, Southwest Health and Human Services - \$2,012.50, Tyler Oil Co - \$2,087.17, Waste Management of WI-MN - \$10,250.34, WM of Southern Minnesota MA 1 - \$6,573.94, and 69 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$25,839.93.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere, to adjourn at 11:47 a.m. All voted in favor.

ATTEST:

 Richard Hamer, 2017 Board Chair

 Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor