

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

May 16, 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, Richard Hamer, Corey Sik, Jack Vizecky, and Mic VanDeVere. Also present was Lincoln County Auditor, Deb Vierhuf. No conflicts of interest were noted.

Motion by Vizecky, seconded by Sik to approve consent agenda which included approval of the minutes from May 2, 2017 and the agenda for May 16, 2017. All voted in favor.

Ann Orren, Community Public Health Supervisor, presented information on passing a clean air ordinance. The State currently has a clean air ordinance that covers the State of Minnesota. Orren provided a sample ordinance and frequently asked questions for the Commissioners to review. This will be brought back for further discussion at a future meeting. Information only.

Dave Halbersma, Lincoln County Engineer, presented the project bid summary for SP 041-070-004 – Chevron & Pavement Markings. After review, the final bid amounts were as follows:

- AAA Striping Service Co. \$169,757.06
- Century Fence Company \$168,353.05
- Swanston Equipment Co. \$247,600.22
- Traffic Marking Service Inc. \$152,803.43

The engineer's estimate is \$252,984.30. Halbersma's recommendation was to award the bid to Traffic Marking Service Inc. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Sik to award the Chevron & Pavement Markings Safety Project SP 041-070-004 to Traffic Marking Service Inc. for a total cost of \$152,803.43. All voted in favor.

Halbersma reviewed the following project updates:

- The aggregate base is completed on the Verdi road paving project. Due to the weather, the black top is not complete but will be done when the weather is dryer.
- Some touch up dirt work will need to be completed on the Arco city project

Halbersma presented the final Development Agreement between Lincoln County and Red Pine Wind Farm, LLC. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Drietz to approve signing the Development Agreement between Lincoln County and Red Pine Wind Farm, LLC conditional on approval by the Lincoln County Attorney. All voted in favor.

Halbersma presented the Annual Report for the Lincoln County Highway Department for the year ended December 31, 2016. After the Board has a chance to review, Halbersma will bring back for approval. Information only.

Halbersma informed the Board that starting in January of 2018, the Board can approve a wheelage tax up to \$20 per licensed vehicle. If the County would increase or decrease the amount of wheelage tax, the State would need to be notified by August 1st of the previous year to make the amount effective starting Jan 1. The Board was not in favor of a change in 2018 but will keep it in mind for future years. Information only.

Halbersma had a power point presentation of all the currently scheduled projects for 2018 as a follow-up to the Road and Bridge hearing that was held on March 21, 2017. The projects being considered are as follows:

- CSAH 7, from CR 134 to CSAH18
- CSAH 17, from TH 75 to CSAH 7
- CSAH 18, from CSAH 5 to CSAH 7
- CSAH 18 surfacing (CSAH 5 to TH 75)
- CSAH 7 Overlay (TH19 to Arco)
- CSAH 7 Shoulder widening (CSAH 17 to TH 19 – currently is scheduled for overlay in 2019)
- Bridge 7245 on CSAH 17. The bridge, which was built in 1958, will be replaced one year before overlay.
- Bridge L2019, L2040, and L2041 in Diamond Lake Township.
- Bridge L2111 in Alta Vista Township.

Information only.

Halbersma informed the Board that the Falling Weight Deflectometer (FSD) testing will be done this summer. This testing is done to test the strength of the road and is helpful for setting spring postings. The cost is about \$5,000. Information only.

Halbersma reviewed the following Maintenance updates:

- About 40% of the Construction State Aid funds can be used for the Tyler shop project. A resolution would need to be passed by the Board. The Board will consider this and get back to Dave regarding the resolution.

- The Highway maintenance striping will be done jointly with Pipestone County again this year to save on cost.
- Working on restoring the Guida pit.
- Culvert repairs have continued.
- Maintenance has been done on the snow removal equipment.

Commissioner VanDeVere inquired that if a landowner wants to do dust control on their gravel road, should they get permission from the County. Halbersma said they should notify the Highway Department so they can shape the road ahead of time. Information only.

Robert Olsen, Environmental, had updates on the following:

- The Lake Benton Lake has been treated for Curly Leaf Pond weed. There have been some other areas where the weed has been found. A full lake treatment may need to be done at a future date.
- Will be meeting with the LSLID Board on the 22nd at the Environmental office to discuss treatment of Lake Shaokatan.
- The Hendricks Farmers Lumberyard will be discussing the Hendricks recycling issue at their next board meeting.
- Olsen is looking at options for covering the Landfill and the Hendricks recycle area and will bring back more information at a later date.
- Olsen has met with Waste Management about the county going out for bids on the garbage and recycling services. Waste Management would like the County to hold off on the bid process and they will take another look at their pricing.
- An area that needs repair was found on JD 29. Olsen recommends replacing some of the tile. The approximate cost will be about \$40,000.00.
- HHW collection is going on at various cities in the County.
- A conditional use hearing is scheduled for May 17, 2017 for IEA lay down yard and JME Batch Cement Plant.
- The Highway Department is in the process of replacing some of their pickups. Olsen would like to transfer one of these to the Environmental office to be used by the employees. The Board was in favor of this.

Olsen asked for approval of a cell phone allowance for Dallas Cornell. Currently Pete Doyscher and Robert Olsen both receive a cell phone allowance of \$35.00. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hamer to approve the cell phone allowance of \$35.00 for Dallas Cornell contingent on completing the paperwork. All voted in favor.

Commissioner VanDeVere has been approached about what the rules are for an in-ground pool. The pool in question is located on a residential property by Lake Benton Lake. Olsen will continue to research whether a fence needs to be around the pool. Currently the pool needs to have a security cover over the pool when not in use. Information only.

Committee Reports were given:

Drietz – RCRCA & Area II
 Hamer – Hendricks City Council,
 Sik – None
 VanDeVere – SW Reg. Dev,
 Vizecky – None

Commissioner Hamer introduced Rod Johnson who lives in the City of Hendricks. Johnson is concerned about loud vehicles in the City of Hendricks and would like the Sheriff's office to enforce the noise ordinance when patrolling the city. The Board will check into the situation. Information only.

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Sik to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #4838 - #4902 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$60280.39, and Road & Bridge - \$20266.76. All voted in favor.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: Election Systems and Software Inc. - \$5,694.55, Joshua Behnke Construction, LLC - \$14,800.00, Kirkvold Oil Co - \$2,375.00, KLOH Radio - \$6,000.00, Prairie Pride Cooperative - \$10,428.75, SW Sanitation Inc. - \$2,594.24, Waste Management of WI-MN - \$10,456.59, WM of Southern Minnesota MA 1 - \$6,705.30 and 57 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$21,492.72.

Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Sik to appoint Commissioner Drietz to the Yellow Medicine Watershed Advisory Board. All voted in favor.

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor, presented the Environmental Review Form from Lincoln County HRA, to be approved for signature. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hamer to approve signing the Environmental Review Form from Lincoln County HRA. All voted in favor.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Sik to approve Resolution No. 25-2017 Resolution Recommending that Jerry Lonneman, Rodney Spronk, and Joe Weber be appointed to the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System Board of Commissioners. All voted in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2017

**RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT
JERRY LONNEMAN, RODNEY SPRONK, AND JOE WEBER
BE APPOINTED TO THE
LINCOLN PIPESTONE RURAL WATER SYSTEM
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

WHEREAS, Jerry Lonneman's 4-year term as a Commissioner on the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System (LPRW) Board of Commissioners is scheduled to expire at midnight on December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Rodney Spronk's 4-year term as a Commissioner on the LPRW Board of Commissioners is scheduled to expire at midnight on December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Joe Weber's 4-year term as a Commissioner on the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System (LPRW) Board of Commissioners is scheduled to expire at midnight on December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2017 the LPRW Board of Commissioner unanimously passed a Motion which recommends that Jerry Lonneman, Rodney Spronk, and Joe Weber be re-appointed to another 4 year term on the LPRW Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners believes that Jerry Lonneman, Rodney Spronk, and Joe Weber are qualified to act as Commissioners on the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water Board of Commissioners and are worthy of appointment.

RESOLUTION

BE IT NOW RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners hereby recommends that Jerry Lonneman, Rodney Spronk, and Joe Weber be appointed to the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System Board of Commissioners pursuant to and provided for by Minnesota Statutes §116A et seq. for a 4 year term which shall commence at 12:00 a.m. on January 1, 2018 and shall expire at midnight on December 31, 2021.

ATTEST:

Richard Hamer, 2017 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor

Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Drietz to approve the Board Chair signing letters of support of the National Service Program and sending aforementioned letters to Senator Amy Klobucher, Senator Al Franken, and Representative Collin Peterson. All voted in favor.

Vierhuf presented information on the assigned health insurance pool account. This account represents excess dollars for the self-insured part of the employee's insurance benefit that is primarily funded through County contributions. Motion by Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere to transfer excess funds over \$300,000 from the assigned health insurance pool account to General Revenue. All voted in favor.

Vierhuf presented the Agreement for Impoundment Services with the City of Lake Benton for signature. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Drietz to approve signing the Agreement for Impoundment Services with the City of Lake Benton. All voted in favor.

Vierhuf presented the list of properties that remain unpaid after the expiration of redemption period has ended. These properties have forfeited to the state and will be put on auction. A resolution will be brought forward at a later date. Information only.

Commissioner Drietz commented that he had been approached about donating a piece of property to be used for a veteran's memorial. Attorney Glen Petersen will look into how we would want to do this type of transaction. Information only.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Sik to adjourn at 11:24 a.m. All voted in favor.

ATTEST:

Richard Hamer, 2017 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor