

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

April 3, 2018
Courthouse Commissioner Room
Ivanhoe, MN 56142

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

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Vizecky to approve consent agenda which included approval of the 3.2 On-Sale Malt Liquor License and Gambling License to St. John Cantius Catholic Church for the 4th of July celebration, approval of the minutes from March 20, 2018 and the agenda for April 3, 2018. All (3) voted in favor.

Joe Wilson, Lincoln County Engineer, presented project updates. They were as follows:

- The Gravel Crushing bid opening is set for April 17, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.
- The State Aid Paving bid opening is set for April 26, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. The bid will be awarded at the May 1st Board meeting.
- Waiting for approval of the Federal Aid Paving job.
- Have been working on Box Culvert plans.

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- Snow Plowing
- Crack filling when weather allows.
- Will start blading and disking the County road shoulders when it warms up.
- Still working on the interior of the Tyler shop.
- Have been some inquiries on buying the old Tyler shop.

Wilson requested approval to purchase a new tractor, loader, and forks to replace the 1999 5510 John Deere tractor which has approximately 4,000 hours on it. The bid received is for \$88,500.00 less a trade-in of \$23,500.00 for a net purchase price of \$65,000.00. Wilson had budgeted \$55,000.00 but will watch the budget and hold off on other items if necessary. Motion by Vizecky, seconded by Drietz to approve the purchase of a New Holland Tractor to replace the 1999 5510 John Deere tractor from Christianson Farm Machinery at a net cost of \$65,000 after trade-in plus any corresponding fees. All (3) voted in favor.

Wilson informed the Board that the Spring Road Tour is scheduled for April 10, 2018 starting at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 11:00 a.m. Information only.

Wilson informed the Board that a public meeting to discuss road projects with the townships has been scheduled for April 12, 2018 starting at 6:30 p.m. and ending at approximately 8:00 p.m. at the Highway Conference room. Information only.

Wilson informed the Board that the Highway Round Table meeting will be scheduled for April 17, 2018 at 12:30 p.m. Information only.

Robert Olsen, Environmental, presented the 2017 County Feed Lot Officer Annual Report and stated that Lincoln County has met the minimum requirements with MPCA. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Vizecky to approve the 2017 County Feed Lot Officer Annual Report. All (3) voted in favor.

Vince Robinson, Executive Director of Lincoln County Enterprise Development Corp, presented grant information to have a community energy analysis done. Great Plains Institute has received a grant and will do the analysis. There will not be any cost to the County. The analysis will provide information on what types of community energy goals we could set and these would then be included in our Comp Plan. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Vizecky to engage the Great Plains Institute to begin the community energy analysis, with the support of the Lincoln County Commissioners, which is funded through a grant at no cost to the County. All (3) voted in favor.

Robinson informed the Board that there is a current program through Extension where a marketing plan and survey can be done for Hole in the Mountain Park with grant funds and no cost to the County. This will give the County an idea of what is currently being used at the park and what is needed at the park. It will also give the County an idea of what types of advertising is needed. Information only.

Olsen presented the Score report and asked for approval to submit to MPCA. Olsen stated that the tonnage is down about 20% due to the difference in how items can be reported. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Vizecky to approve submitting the Score report to MPCA. All (3) voted in favor.

Olsen presented signed contracts for the Ditch Viewers. The contracts are for Gayle Rasmussen, Mike Thoof, William Moldestad and Kari Rupp. This contract will be ongoing unless their hourly rate is changed or some other change is made. Motion by Vizecky, seconded by Drietz to approve the Ditch Viewer contracts for Gayle Rasmussen, Mike Thoof, William Moldestad, and Kari Rupp. All (3) voted in favor.

Committee Reports were given:

Drietz –SWCD, ARMOR,
 Hamer – Absent
 Sik – Absent
 VanDeVere – United Community Action, Southern Prairie, Solid Waste Recycling Commission,
 Rural MN Energy Board
 Vizecky – None

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Drietz seconded by Vizecky to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #7145- #7190 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$48,664.87, Road & Bridge - \$5,603.79 and Ditch – \$77.95. All (3) voted in favor.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: Computer Prof Unlimited Inc. - \$5,187.00, MN Dept. of Corrections - \$15,518.13, Petersen Law Office PLLC - \$15,084.00 and 43 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$18,557.48.

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor, presented the Annual County Boat and Water Safety Grant Agreement for approval. The grant is applied for on an annual basis and the dollars to be received for 2018 are \$3,223.00. Motion by Vizecky, seconded by Drietz to approve the Annual County Boat and Water Safety Grant Agreement with funds to be received of \$3,223.00. All (3) voted in favor.

Vierhuf presented Resolution 15-2018 Authorizing Conveyance of Retained Mineral Rights for Conservation Purposes. This Resolution explains the details of the deed that was approved for signature at the March 20, 2018 meeting. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Vizecky to approve Resolution 15-2018 Authorizing Conveyance of Retained Mineral Rights for Conservation Purposes. All (3) voted in favor.

RESOLUTION No. 15-2018
AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF RETAINED MINERAL RIGHTS FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Lincoln County retained certain mineral rights in that Warranty Deed in favor of Laurel Skime, which deed was dated December 19, 1991 and was filed for record on December 20, 1991 in Book 107 of Deeds on Page 422 and as document number 137758 in the Office of the County Recorder of Lincoln County, Minnesota to convey certain property then owned by Lincoln County, including the following:

The Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 36, Township 109 North, Range 46 West, Lincoln County, Minnesota.

AND

A tract of land described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest Corner of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section Thirty-One (31), Township One Hundred Nine (109) North, Range Forty-five (45) West of the Fifth P.M., thence East along the half Section line to the State Road Number Six Running North and South, thence North two rods, thence West to the West line of said Section 31, thence South two rods to the point of beginning. This tract being a strip of land running East and West, two rods wide.

WHEREAS, Laurel Skime has entered into to a purchase Agreement with Ducks Unlimited to convey the Premises for conservation purposes with the property to be ultimately owned by the State of Minnesota, by and through the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has requested and Lincoln County has consented to release the retained mineral rights by conveying the same to the State of Minnesota; and,

WHEREAS, the Mineral Rights have no commercial or practical value and are only an encumbrance upon title, the removal of which will facilitate the transfer of the property to Duck's Unlimited, and subsequently the State of Minnesota for conservation purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED for one dollar and other good and valuable consideration, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the transfer of the retained mineral rights of the Premises to the State of Minnesota for conservation purposes.

ATTEST:

 Mic VanDeVere, 2018 Board Chair

 Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor

Discussion was held on the VSO Van Policy and Procedures. There will need to be some changes before the policy is approved. The Auditor's office will be in contact with the VSO to suggest some of these changes. Information only.

Commissioner VanDeVere presented some options to assist SWHHS financially until the settlement dollars are available for distribution. These are possible options but may not be necessary. One of the options is to give them an interest free loan and the other option is to advance funds to SWHHS prior to settlement in June. The advance would then be deducted from their final settlement. No vote was held at this time. Information only.

The Highway Engineer's Contract was reviewed. A change was made to have the salary increase effective from May 1st to May 1st with a salary amount of \$100,000.00 for the 18-19 year. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Vizecky to approve the 2018 Engineer's contract which will be effective May 1, 2018 through May 1, 2022. All (3) voted in favor.

Motion by Drietz seconded by Vizecky to adjourn at 10:33 a.m. All voted in favor.

ATTEST:

Mic VanDeVere, 2018 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor