

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

June 4, 2019
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, Rick Hamer, Corey Sik, Mic VanDeVere and Jack Vizecky. Attorney Glen Petersen arrived at 10:00 a.m. Also present was Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer Deb Vierhuf. No conflicts of interest were noted.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Sik to approve the consent agenda which included May 21, 2019 minutes and June 4, 2019 agenda. All voted in favor.

Jason Overby, Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water General Manager, presented the Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water System 2018 Audit report. Overby also reviewed the following updates:

- LPRW has added 42 new customers. 4 of these connections were located in Lincoln County.
- LPRW is half way complete with the meter installation project.
- Doing some exploratory work by the Dawson/Boyd area.
- The City of Edgerton will be connecting to rural water.
- Rick Anderson is the liaison for the counties.

Information only.

Vince Robinson, DSI President, requested approval for the Agreement for Grant Application to receive border to border internet funding. The grant application request will be \$5,000,000.00 and the process is very extensive. DSI would like additional funding in order to assist ITC with the grant application. Motion by Vizecky, seconded by Drietz to approve the Agreement for Grant Application in the amount of \$8,000.00 to assist ITC with the grant process to receive border to border broadband. All voted in favor.

Robinson informed the Board that the 2019 MN Small Cities Development Grant has been approved and Lake Benton and Tyler will receive about \$430,000.00 in grant funds to be used for rental rehabilitation. Robinson also received word that we were awarded funds for residential and commercial rehabilitation in Ivanhoe. Information only.

Robinson informed the Board that the quarterly regional meeting for trails will be held at the Hole in the Mountain Park on June 26th at 10:30. Information only.

Discussion was held on the Section 8 Housing letter. Robinson stated that HRA will handle any fund requests from Worthington HRA since Lincoln County already funds the Lincoln County HRA. Information only.

Robert Olsen, Lincoln County Environmental informed the Board that the MPCA loan has been approved and requested approval of Resolution No. 28-2019 Designating Robert Olsen as the project Representative for the Implementation of the Lincoln County Septic Loan – Phase 1 Clean Water Project. Motion by Hamer, seconded by Vizecky to approve Resolution No. 28-2019 Designating Robert Olsen as the project Representative for the Implementation of the Lincoln County Septic Loan – Phase 1 Clean Water Project. All voted in favor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 28-2019
DESIGNATING ROBERT OLSEN AS PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners that it hereby designates Robert E. Olsen, Lincoln County Environmental Administrator as Project Representative for the implementation of the Lincoln County Septic Loan-Phase 1 Clean Water Project.

The Project Representative shall have the authority to represent Lincoln County in all Project matters that do not specifically require action by the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners that, as Project Sponsor and a Loan Sponsor, Lincoln County enters into the attached Minnesota Clean Water Partnership Project Loan Agreement along with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to conduct the Lincoln County Septic Loan-Phase Clean Water Project

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners that the Environmental Administrator, Robert E. Olsen be authorized to execute the attached Minnesota Clean Water Partnership Project Loan Agreement for the above referenced Project on behalf of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners as Project Sponsor and Loan Sponsor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners that Robert E. Olsen, Lincoln County Environmental Administrator be authorized to execute loan disbursement requests for the above referenced project to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency on behalf of the Organization.

WHEREUPON the above resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners this 4th day of June, 2019, at Ivanhoe, Minnesota.

ATTEST:

Mic VanDeVere, 2019 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Olsen recommended to the Board that all septic loans be charged 1.5% interested and presented Resolution No. 29-2019 Septic System Loan Interest for approval. Motion by Vizecky, seconded by Hamer to approve Resolution No. 29-2019 Septic System Loan Interest. All voted in favor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 29-2019
SEPTIC LOAN INTEREST RATE**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners the interest to be charged on septic system loans and well installation loans shall be 1.5%, annually.

WHEREUPON the above resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners this 4th day of June, 2019, at Ivanhoe, Minnesota.

ATTEST:

Mic VanDeVere, 2019 Board Chair

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Olsen informed the Board that all treatments have been completed on Lake Benton Lake at a total cost of about \$100,000.00. They will continue with monitoring and will need to conduct 3 additional surveys on the lake. The treatment was a success. Information only.

Olsen informed the Board that he has a revised letter to be sent to Lake Benton Power Partners II LLC. After the attorneys had reviewed the first letter, they had some additional language that needed to be included. Olsen requested approval of the letter. Motion by Hamer, seconded by Drietz to approve the revised letter to Lake Benton Power Partners II LLC and authorized it to be signed by the Board Chair. All voted in favor.

Discussion was held on the transfer of the Environmental skid loader to the Maintenance Department. Information only.

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

- Surveys for 2020-2021 projects.
- Plans and permits for 2019 projects.

Wilson requested approval to get quotes for hydraulic sizing for the 2020 bridges and 2021 widening project. Motion by Sik, seconded by Drietz to approve getting quotes for the hydraulic sizing for the 2021 widening and 2020 bridge projects. All voted in favor.

Wilson informed the board that Lincoln County will need to use State Aid dollars for the bridge projects since a bridge bonding bill was not approved. Wilson presented Resolution 30-2019 Proposed Prioritized Bridge Replacement List for approval. Motion by Vizecky, seconded by Sik to approve Resolution 30-2019 Proposed Prioritized Bridge Replacement List. All voted in favor.

**LINCOLN COUNTY
RESOLUTION # 30-2019
PROPOSED PRIORITIZED BRIDGE REPLACEMENT LIST**

WHEREAS, Lincoln County has reviewed the pertinent data on bridges requiring replacement, rehabilitation, or removal, supplied by local citizenry and local units of government; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County has identified those bridges that are high priority and that require replacement, rehabilitation, or removal within the next five years;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following deficient bridges are high priority and Lincoln County intends to replace, rehabilitate, or remove these bridges as soon as possible when funds are available,

Bridge Number (Old)	Road Number/Name	Total Project Cost	Township or State Bond Funds	Local or State Aid Funds	Proposed Construction Year
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L2068	230 th Ave (Marshfield/Diamond Lake Twp.)	115,000	95,000	20,000	2019
L2031	160 th St (Verdi/Drammen Twp.)	160,000	140,000	20,000	2019
L1978	CSAH 15	240,000	120,000	120,000	2019
L1988	CSAH 19	280,000	140,000	140,000	2019
L2105	330 th St (Royal Twp.)	260,000	240,000	20,000	2019
191	380 th St (Hansonville Twp.)	95,000	75,000	20,000	2019
L2098	270 th St (Shaokatan Twp.)	100,000	80,000	20,000	2019
L2010	CSAH 8	110,000	55,000	55,000	2020
L2011	CSAH 8	110,000	55,000	55,000	2020
L2013	CSAH 8	160,000	80,000	80,000	2020
93062	CSAH 5	215,000	107,500	107,500	2020
L1965	CSAH 8	160,000	80,000	80,000	2020
L1966	CSAH 8	130,000	65,000	65,000	2020
3208	130 th Ave (Hendricks Twp.)	130,000	110,000	20,000	2020
L2055	130 th Ave (Shaokatan Twp.)	95,000	75,000	20,000	2021
7245	CSAH 17	550,000	225,000	225,000	2021
L2094	170 th Ave (Diamond/Drammen Twp.)	95,000	75,000	20,000	2021
L2040	220 th St (Diamond Lake Twp.)	105,000	85,000	20,000	2021
L2041	220 th St (Diamond Lake Twp.)	105,000	85,000	20,000	2021
L2111	380 th St (Alta Vista Twp.)	145,000	125,000	20,000	2021
L2051	140 th Ave (Verdi Twp.)	180,000	160,000	20,000	2021
92703	CSAH 25	100,000	50,000	50,000	2022
92466	CSAH 13	130,000	65,000	65,000	2022
41507	CR 101	425,000	425,000	0	2022
41503	CSAH 20	220,000	110,000	110,000	2023
L1993	CR 101	220,000	220,000	0	2023

FURTHERMORE, Lincoln County does hereby request authorization to replace, rehabilitate, or remove such bridges; and

FURTHERMORE, Lincoln County does hereby request financial assistance with eligible approach grading and engineering costs on township bridges, as provided by law.

Adopted by majority vote on this 4st day of June, 2019.

ATTEST:

Mic VanDeVere, 2019 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- Maintenance on gravel roads
- Replaced culverts in Lake Benton and Tyler
- Working on replacing the Hendricks and Lake Benton shops with LED lighting
- The Road Grader will be up and running in a couple of weeks.

Wilson asked if there were any questions on the Annual Report of the Lincoln County Highway Department for the Year ended December 31, 2018 that was handed out for review at the May 21st meeting and requested approval. Motion by Sik, seconded by Drietz to approve the Annual Report for the Lincoln County Highway Department for the Year ended December 31, 2018. All voted in favor.

Wilson informed the Board that Lincoln County received \$10,000.00 for administrative costs of the Blazing Star 1 Agreement and requested approval to receipt \$7500.00 to Highway and \$2500.00 to Environmental. Motion by Hamer, seconded by Sik to approve receipting the Blazing Star 1 administrative money of \$7,500.00 to the Highway Department and \$2,500.00 to the Environmental Department. All voted in favor.

Wilson requested approval to purchase a BOMAG Tamper Model BT60 for \$3,370.00. The amount that has been budgeted is \$3,000.00. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Sik to approve the purchase of a BOMAG Tamper Model BT60 for \$3,370.00. All voted in favor.

Michelle Facile, Lincoln County Recorder, requested approval for out-of-state travel to Davenport, Iowa for the Fidlar Symposium. Fidlar is used for recording Lincoln County Documents in the Recorder's office. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Sik to approve out-of-state travel for Michelle Facile, Lincoln County Recorder, to Davenport, IA for the Fidlar Symposium. All voted in favor.

Facile requested approval to purchase an 11x17 Flatbed Scanner from Fidler in the amount of \$6,835.00 plus corresponding fees. This scanner will allow the Recorder's office to scan the old larger documents such as the marriage certificates and DD214's. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hamer to approve the purchase of an 11x17 Flatbed Scanner from Fidler in the amount of \$6,835.00 plus corresponding fees to be taken out of the Recorder's Compliance account. All voted in favor.

Committee Reports were given:

Drietz – ARMOR, ITC regarding border to border broadband
 Hamer – None
 Sik – Plum Creek, SW Tourism, HRA
 VanDeVere – UCAP, Southern Prairie, Rural Energy Board,
 Vizecky – Hazard Mitigation Meeting

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Vizecky, seconded by Sik to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #10362 - #10385 for the following amounts: Revenue – \$36,791.49, Road & Bridge - \$5,735.45, Ditch - \$1,078.64 and LID - \$47,807.33. Commissioner Hamer, Sik, VanDeVere and Vizecky voted in favor. Commissioner Drietz abstained due to an Ivanhoe Service Center bill. Motion carried by majority vote.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: Department of Transportation - \$2,049.99, Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District - \$15,000.00, MN Pollution Control Agency - \$8,525.00, Pictometry International Corporation - \$5,880.57, PLM Lake and Land Management \$47,807.33, SRF Consulting Group Inc. - \$4,992.86 and 25 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$7,157.16.

Commissioner VanDeVere gave an update on cementing the new garage. Additional quotes were requested but the only quote that was received was from Claire Drake. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Sik to approve the quote from Claire Drake to cement the 48x32 Maintenance garage with foam insulation under the floor and a 20 foot apron on the front at a total cost of \$14,524.80 All voted in favor.

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer, presented a letter of support for the City of Tyler in support of their capital budget request. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Vizecky to approve a letter of support for the capital budget request for the City of Tyler. All voted in favor.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Sik to adjourn at 10:13 a.m. All voted in favor.

ATTEST: (SEAL)

 Mic VanDeVere, 2019 Board Chair

 Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer