

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

November 19, 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. Also present was Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer Deb Vierhuf. Glen Petersen, Lincoln County Attorney arrived at 9:35 a.m. No conflicts of interest were noted.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Vizecky to approve the consent agenda which included November 5, 2019 minutes, the November 19, 2019 agenda and the On-Sale 3.2 Malt Liquor License for Marble Store. All voted in favor.

At 9:05 a.m. a public hearing was held regarding liquor applications for the Hendricks Golf Club Association and the Knotty Pine Supper Club. Motion by Sik, seconded by Hamer to approve the intoxicating on-sale liquor licenses for the Hendricks Golf Club Association and the Knotty Pine Supper Club for the period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. All voted in favor.

Robert Olsen, Environmental, presented the 1 year ditch assessment resolution for 2020 and a spreadsheet which shows the estimated expenses for each ditch system. If the Board is in favor of this, Olsen will publish the resolution for the next 3 weeks and bring a final resolution back for approval at the last meeting in December. The Board was in consensus of following this procedure. Information only.

Olsen requested approval of Resolution No. 49-2019 Authorizing the Assessment of Benefits for Judicial Ditch #19 to finalize the redetermination of benefits and acquiring the 1 rod buffer. Some of the buffers will still need to be seeded next year. The payback for the assessment would be spread over 5 years at 4% interest. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Sik to approve Resolution No. 49-2019 Authorizing the Assessment of Benefits, Establishing the Term of Assessment and Establishing a Rate of Interest on Assessment for Judicial Ditch No. 19. All voted in favor.

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regarding the assessment of benefits for the Redetermination of Lincoln Judicial Ditch No. 19, as ordered by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners acting as the Ditch Authority for Judicial No. 19	Resolution #49-2019 Authorizing the Assessment of Benefits, Establishing the Term of Assessment and Establishing a Rate of Interest on Assessments
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At the Regular Meeting of the Lincoln County, Minnesota Board of Commissioners on November 19, 2019 Commissioner Drietz moved, seconded by Commissioner Sik adoption of the following Resolution.

Whereas, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners acting as the Ditch Authority for Judicial Ditch No.19 recently completed proceedings for the Redetermination of Benefits of Judicial Ditch No. 19; and

Whereas, the State's Drainage Code, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103E, places certain obligations on Lincoln County related to the fiscal administration of the drainage system, including the assessment of benefits for redetermination; and

Whereas, final costs of the proceedings are now known, individual property assessments have been calculated, administrative costs, and a reasonable term of assessment has been determined; and

Whereas, the County Auditor requires record of the County Board's action regarding the assessment of benefits for the redetermination.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that:

1. The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to its authority and obligations under Statutes Chapter 103E, authorizes and directs the assessment of benefits upon real property identified in the Viewer's Report adopted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners acting as the Ditch Authority for Judicial Ditch No.19 in the proceedings for Redetermination of Benefits of Judicial Ditch No.19.
2. The assessments shall be extended to real property according to the spreadsheet attached as **Exhibit A**, to be collected in equal installments for a period of five (5) year(s) and carry and interest rate of 4% per annum on the unpaid balance until paid in full.

3. The assessments may be prepaid.

After discussion and upon a vote the Board Chair declared the Resolution adopted by vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays.

ATTEST:

Mic VanDeVere, 2019 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Olsen gave an update on the following items:

- Looking at different ways to prevent recycling contamination.
- Working on getting the project started for the situation east of Tyler. Once the tile was opened up, the situation approved.
- Working with Area II to create a storm water retention project that would benefit the ditch system. This would be a coordinated effort between the Ditch System, Area II, DNR, and the Township.
- Feedlot program work is being done. More paperwork is required as time goes on. Once MPCA approves the work plan, it will be brought to the Board for approval.
- Continuing to work on getting the ditch projects completed for the year.

Information only.

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

- R & G is finishing up on hauling gravel.
- Continuing to work on 2020-2021 survey and plan work.
- Buffalo Ridge Wind is having a meeting on December 5, 2019 for the 40 refurbished towers by Lake Benton.

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- Have been maintaining brush and trees in the right of way.
- Will be possibly doing some culvert repairs.
- Continuing to reclaim the Manley Pit.
- Have had some issues with mud on the road from fieldwork. The landowner will be billed if the Highway Department needs to go out and remove the mud.
- A 2014 Blade that is being repaired has 4100 hours. Although the warranty has elapsed, the company will pay for 2/3 of the repair. Lincoln County's 1/3 portion is \$9,183.00.

Information only.

Wilson informed the Board that the annual meeting with MnDOT to review the shared Ivanhoe Highway Truck Station is scheduled for November 19, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. Information only.

Chad Meester, Lincoln County Sheriff, gave an update on the following items:

- Will be meeting with the Personnel Committee prior to advertising for the new Deputy Sheriff.
- Attended a MnDOT meeting in Marshall regarding road conditions during the winter. The dispatchers will be working with MnDOT to keep the 511 road conditions updated.
- Met with the Hendricks City Administrator regarding towing and impounding during winter storms.
- Working with Emergency Management on the upcoming ALICE training at the Ivanhoe Elementary School.

Information only.

Curt Madsen, Lincoln County Fair Board, gave an update on the 2019 Lincoln County Fair and presented a report of all receipts and disbursements. The update included the following.

- The Fair was a success.
- The Demolition Derby attendance increased.
- The Ribbon Auction had decreased last year but increased this year.
- The canteen proceeds were up from last year.
- The USDA awarded \$11,000.00 to the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. This money was used to pour new cement and provide new lighting in the horse barn and fix the cattle barn.

Madsen thanked Lincoln County for their continued support. Information only.

Chris Cauwels, SWHHS Network Systems Administrator, presented the State/County Security Monitoring Agreement. This agreement authorizes the County to apply for a grant for increased security to block

attempts to access our server. The grant covers the expenses to provide this security in the amount of \$33,244.00. The County would not pay anything until year 3 and this would amount to a monthly fee of \$90 for an annual total of \$1,080.00. In year 4 there could be an additional charge of \$7,300.00 for a 3 year subscription but we may have the option of applying for an additional grant. Motion by Sik, seconded by Drietz to approve the State/County Security Monitoring Initiative Agreement authorizing application of a grant to increase server security. All voted in favor.

Committee Reports were given:

- Drietz – Missouri River Watershed
- Hamer – None
- Sik – Plum Creek, Personnel
- VanDeVere – Transit in Slayton, Western Mental Health Consortium, Personnel, SW Regional Development
- Vizecky – None

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Vizecky, seconded by Hamer to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #11555- #11625 for the following amounts: Revenue – \$54,646.75, Road & Bridge - \$175,129.96, and Ditch - \$976.03. All voted in favor. Commissioner Hamer, Sik, Vizecky and VanDeVere 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: Ag Plus Cooperative - \$12,907.97, Ban-Koe Systems Inc. - \$2,621.27, Counties Providing Technology - \$5,255.00, Deangelo Brothers Inc. - \$17,010.00, H & L Mesabi - \$5,573.80, Kirkvold Oil Co. - \$2,635.00, Master Burn SF - \$7,861.57, MN Pollution Control Agency - \$27,103.82, Pro-Vision Inc. - \$2,950.19, Southwest Health and Human Services - \$2,517.50, Stonebrook Engineering Inc. - \$5,988.02, SW Regional Development Comm. - \$2,407.86, Towmaster - \$108,689.00, Ziegler Power Systems (CAT) - \$5,468.49 and 57 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$21,763.25.

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer gave an update on the Financial Accountant Position. Vierhuf informed the Board that the position has been offered but not accepted. Vierhuf would like authorization to negotiate within the wage scale with communication and approval from the Personnel Committee. The candidates have more than the requested qualifications. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Sik to approve the proposed wage schedule for the Financial Accountant Position and authorize some negotiation with communication with the personnel committee. Commissioner Drietz, Sik and VanDeVere voted in favor. Commissioner Hamer and Vizecky voted in opposition. Motion carried by majority vote.

Vierhuf informed the Board that part-time dispatcher Logan Pusillo has resigned due to getting a fulltime position elsewhere. Information only.

Glen Petersen, Lincoln County Attorney, presented a survey of registered property and requested approval. Motion by Hamer, seconded by Sik to approve Registered Survey #5. All voted in favor.

Petersen also informed the Board that he has received a request from Jim Sorensen regarding property he will be leaving to the County after his death. He would like the Board to consider approval of allowing a spouse to remain in the house after his death. The Board was in consensus of this. Petersen will draw up a resolution to be approved at a future meeting. Information only.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Sik to adjourn at 10:29 a.m. All voted in favor.

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

(SEAL)

Mic VanDeVere, 2019 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer