

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES**

May 19, 2020  
Courthouse Assembly Room  
Ivanhoe, MN 56142

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

Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Sik to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the minutes from May 5, 2020 and the agenda for May 19, 2020. All voted in favor.

Vince Robinson, Lincoln County Enterprise Development Corp. (LCEDC), Executive Director, requested approval to appoint three LCEDC Board Members. The members to be appointed are Karen Lichtsinn, Stephanie LaBrune and Cricket Raschke. Lichtsinn and Raschke would be re-elected to a 3-year term and LaBrune would be a new member elected to a 3-year term. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Sik to approve appointing Karen Lichtsinn, Stephanie LaBrune and Cricket Raschke to the Lincoln County Enterprise Development Corp. Board of Directors for 3-year terms. All voted in favor.

Robinson gave an update of LCEDC activities. They were as follows:

- Have been working with all 4 Economic Development Authorities (EDA's) in the county to set up a COVID-19 Business Assistance Loan program. This program has been adopted by numerous counties in MN. There have been 15 Lincoln County Businesses that have accessed this resource through their local EDA.
- Association of MN Counties (AMC) has put together a blue ribbon task force to provide input to the State of MN agencies and to counties about ways the State and the counties can eliminate burdensome practices, fees, and paperwork in order to improve the delivery of services to residents and businesses during this pandemic. Robinson has provided input to the task force about broadband development issues, prevailing wage concerns, and childcare provider concerns.
- Robinson reported that our local banks have issued Paycheck Protection Program loans to over 80 businesses in the County. This does not include the numerous PPP loans that have been issued to farmers through the local ASCS office.
- Robinson has received some information on the forgiveness of these PPP loans and will be attending some webinars to get more information on this.

Information only.

Robinson informed the Board that they have been circulating a survey which is part of the work for the Hole in the Mountain legacy fund application. 82 responses have been received. The goal is to get 200 responses. The survey can be filled out by anyone in the entire region. One of the next steps is to set up a work group that will review requests for proposals for engineering firms. Focus meetings will also need to be set up. One thing that will need to be done in the future is determine where the maintenance fees will come from to maintain the new developments at the park. Information only.

Daryl Schlapkohl, Lincoln County Parks Manager, presented information on the parks and whether the seasonal campers will be allowed to bring their campers starting 5/29/20. There is some conflicting opinions on who is considered seasonal. Many individuals from the public were also on the line for comment. We will contact MCIT and DHS to be sure we are ok to open the parks on 5/29/20. Information only.

Amber Scholten, Emergency Management, reviewed the plan to re-open the Courthouse to the public. The plan is to open the Courthouse in phases. The first two weeks (May 18<sup>th</sup> – 22) following the expiration of the Stay at Home Order will be by appointment. The employees within the Courthouse will continue working staggered 12 hour shifts through May 29<sup>th</sup>. Starting June 1<sup>st</sup>, the Courthouse employees will go back to working their normal hours and the Courthouse will be open from 12:30 – 4:30. On June 8<sup>th</sup>, the Courthouse will be open from 8:30 – 4:30. Information only.

Scholten informed the Board that she is working with the Lincoln County cities to decide whether they will have their town celebrations. Information Only.

Scholten informed the Board that she has been looking at the FEMA process to get refunded for qualifying expenses due to COVID-19. One of the items that we will be refunded for is the glass that has been put up at each office for a barrier. Information only.

Joe Wilson, Lincoln County Engineer, was present to give project updates. They were as follows:

- The County Hwy 10 project by Verdi from last year will be tentatively finished this week.

- The contractor is planning to start on the 3 Twp. box culvert projects that were let last year.
- Hauling and road stabilization operations have started for the Blazing Star projects for the year.
- Blazing star is looking at doing some patching on Cty. Hwy 1

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- Gravel shouldering on the paved roads
- Continue to blade the gravel roads as time and weather permits
- One of the graders has been taken to Caterpillar due to a possible issue with the differential.
- Working on fixing a tile line on Cty. Hwy. 7.
- Several old metal culverts will need to be replaced soon.

Information only.

Wilson presented the Community North Repower Road Use Agreement. This agreement is a road use agreement rather than the full agreement since it is a small project. Motion by Hamer, seconded by Sik to approve the Community Wind North Repower Road Use Agreement. All voted in favor.

Wilson requested approval of Resolution No. 21-2020 Proposed Prioritized Bridge Replacement List. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Sik to approve Resolution No. 21-2020 Proposed Prioritized Bridge Replacement List. All voted in favor.

**LINCOLN COUNTY**  
**Resolution # 21-2020**  
**Proposed Prioritized Bridge Replacement List**  
May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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
L2068	230 <sup>th</sup> Ave (Marshfield/Diamond Lake Twp.)	118,000	98,000	20,000	2020
L2031	160 <sup>th</sup> St (Verdi/Drammen Twp.)	172,000	152,000	20,000	2020
L1978	CSAH 15	250,000	125,000	125,000	2020
L1988	CSAH 19	298,000	149,000	149,000	2020
L2105	330 <sup>th</sup> St (Royal Twp.)	270,000	250,000	20,000	2020
191	380 <sup>th</sup> St (Hansonville Twp.)	88,000	68,000	20,000	2020
L2098	270 <sup>th</sup> St (Shaokatan Twp.)	103,000	83,000	20,000	2020
L1956	CSAH 1	170,000	85,000	85,000	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
L2010	CSAH 8	110,000	55,000	55,000	2021
L2011	CSAH 8	110,000	55,000	55,000	2021
L2013	CSAH 8	160,000	80,000	80,000	2021
7245	CSAH 17	550,000	225,000	225,000	2021
L2094	170 <sup>th</sup> Ave (Diamond/Drammen Twp.)	95,000	75,000	20,000	2021
L2040	220 <sup>th</sup> St (Diamond Lake Twp.)	105,000	85,000	20,000	2021
L2041	220 <sup>th</sup> St (Diamond Lake Twp.)	105,000	85,000	20,000	2021
L2111	380 <sup>th</sup> St (Alta Vista Twp.)	145,000	125,000	20,000	2021
L2055	130 <sup>th</sup> Ave (Shaokatan Twp.)	95,000	75,000	20,000	2022
L2051	140 <sup>th</sup> Ave (Verdi Twp.)	180,000	160,000	20,000	2022
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
3208	130 <sup>th</sup> Ave (Hendricks Twp.)	130,000	110,000	20,000	2023

41503	CSAH 20	220,000	110,000	110,000	2023
L1993	CR 101	220,000	220,000	0	2023
92465	CSAH 1	250,000	125,000	125,000	2024

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 19<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2020.

ATTEST:

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Joe Drietz, 2020 Board Chair

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Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Robert Olsen, Environmental, gave an update on the following items:

- Seeding of the buffers has been finalized.
- Have been placing 911 signage on the Blazing Star 1 wind tower sites.
- Working on Drainage Systems.
- Will be having a P&Z meeting tomorrow night by zoom.
- The Lake Improvement District Annual Meetings will be held in July. As of now, Olsen feels they will hold them in person with proper social distancing.
- A treatment has been done on the East side of Lake Benton.
- Lake Shaokatan will be monitored for weeds when the weather warms up.
- The Landfill has been very busy and the rural dumpsters have been very full. Additional dumpsters have been added at several sites.
- The rural dumpster site in Hendricks will be moved back to the Lumberyard property once the city easements are finalized.

Information only.

Committee Reports were given:

Drietz – None

Hamer – None

Sik – None

VanDeVere – Western Mental Health, Prime West, SW Regional Development,

Vizecky – None

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Hamer, seconded by Sik to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #12776 - #12846 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$67,919.45, Road & Bridge - \$22,141.06, Ditch - \$4,265.00 and LID - \$71,031.53. Commissioner Hamer, 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: A & C Excavating LLC - \$3,610.00, Christensen Broadcasting - \$4,000.00, Christianson Farm Mach Inc. - \$9,500.00, Counties Providing Technology - \$5,366.00, Dept. of Transportation - \$2,049.98, Divine Prov. Health Center Inc. - \$2,079.35, Marshall NW Pipe Fittings Inc. - \$2,088.07, MN Pollution Control Agency - \$14,735.98, PLM Lake and Land Management - \$71,031.53, Thomas Electric Inc. - \$7,315.00, Thomas Plumbing Inc. - \$14,850.00 and 60 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$28,731.13.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere to approve renewing the Joint Powers Agreement with Workforce Development Area #6 and the counties of Region 6W & Region 8 for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022. All voted in favor.

Scholten reviewed the reopening plan for the parks and requested approval to open the parks to seasonal campers starting 5/29/2020 tentative on receiving something in writing from MCIT. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hamer to approve opening the County parks to the seasonal campers on 5/29/20 provided we get information in writing that we are allowed to do so. Commissioner Drietz, Hamer, Sik, and VanDeVere voted in favor. Commissioner Vizecky voted in opposition. Motion carried by majority vote.

Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Sik to adjourn at 10:24 a.m. All voted in favor.

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Joe Drietz, 2020 Board Chair

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Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer