

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES**

June 15, 2021  
Courthouse Commissioners Room-Zoom  
Ivanhoe, MN 56142

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Board Chair Mic VanDeVere, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners present were Steve Hauswedell, Dean Nielsen, Corey Sik, and Mic VanDeVere. Commissioner Drietz was absent. Also present was Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer, Deb Vierhuf and Lincoln County Attorney, Glen Petersen. No conflicts of interest were noted.

Motion by Sik, seconded by Nielsen to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the minutes from June 1, 2021, the agenda for June 15, 2021 and the update to a 1 Day Temporary On Sale License – St. John Cantius Catholic Church – 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. All (4) voted in favor.

Lisa Graphenteen, Director of Housing and Economic Development, requested approval for the WSB & Associates Inc. Amendment 2 which allows \$4,500.00 additional dollars to be spent on upgrades to the Master Plan and Maps. Motion by Sik, seconded by VanDeVere to approve WSB & Associates, Inc. Web Project No. 016593-000 Hole in the Mountain Park Master Plan Cost Estimate & Operational Budget Projections Amendment No. 2 which allows \$4,500.00 to be spent on upgrades to the Master Plan and Maps. All (4) voted in favor.

Graphenteen presented the proposed budget for Hole in the Mountain Legacy Park Project. The local match is shown on the budget as \$100,000.00. Motion by Sik, seconded by Hauswedell to approve the local match, for the Hole in the Mountain Legacy Park Project, of up to \$100,000.00. All (4) voted in favor.

Graphenteen informed the Board that the grant application is ready to be sent off and requested approval for authorization of the application and signature. Motion by Sik, seconded by Hauswedell to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Memorandum Agreement authorizing the application for grant funds from the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission. All (4) voted in favor.

Chad Meester, Lincoln County Sheriff, requested approval of the 2021 State Minnesota Annual County Boat and Water Safety Grant which is used for the operating expenses for the Boat and Water program. Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Sik to approve the 2021 State of Minnesota Annual County Boat and Water Safety Grant Contract Agreement in the amount of \$3,985.00. All (4) voted in favor.

Robert Olsen, Environmental, informed the Board that he requested quotes from two companies for the outlet repair on the north shore of Lake Benton Lake. One of the companies declined submitting a quote. We received one quote from A&C in the amount of \$69,400.00. The engineer's estimate was \$70,000.00. Motion by Hauswedell, seconded by Sik to approve the quote of \$69,400.00 from A&C Excavating LLC to repair the outlet on the north shore of Lake Benton Lake. All (4) voted in favor.

Olsen informed the Board that a Conditional Use Permit Hearing will be held June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for the relocation of the East River transmission line. Information only.

Olsen informed the Board that the Lake Shaokatan Lake Improvement District meeting will be held on July 10<sup>th</sup> and the Lake Benton Lake Improvement District meeting will be held on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Information only.

Olsen informed the Board that the Solid Waste account will have about \$10,000 - \$15,000 at the end of the year. Olsen will be recommending an increase to the solid waste fee to \$65.00 which is assessed to the landowners through the taxes. Information only.

Olsen requested approval to post for a full-time Environmental Tech. This position has been vacant, but Olsen would like to have that position filled prior to his retirement. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Nielsen to post for a full-time Environmental Tech to start full-time employment no sooner than September 1, 2021. Commissioner Hauswedell, Nielsen and VanDeVere voted in favor. Commissioner Sik voted in opposition. Motion carried by majority vote.

Commissioner Hauswedell informed Olsen and the rest of the Board that he has received questions regarding Lake Stay and how they would go about getting a treatment for that lake. Olsen estimated that it would cost about \$15,000.00 per year for about 4 years and then it would go to a maintenance system. There are not very many parcels around Lake Stay so there would be the question of who would pay for the treatment. With the other lakes, a district was set up and that district levies dollars that are charged to the people that live within that district. The DNR would also have to grant a variance to treat the lake. Information only.

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

- Box Culvert project on County Highway 5 is finished. Plan to pave the surface next year.
- Minor grading on County Highway 1 is finished. Plan to pave week of June 21 from State Highway 14 to County Road 15.

- Lake Benton Lake access roads to be paved before the end of the month.

Information only.

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- Have started patching and will continue as long as they can get mix.
- Hope to start roadside mowing this week.
- Resume gravel hauling once patching is complete.

Information only.

Wilson informed the Board that the bids for project SAP-041-607-045 were opened on June 7, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. The engineer's estimate was \$998,995.25. The bids were as follows:

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| • R&G Construction          | \$920,945.22   | • Riley Bros Construction, Inc. | \$988,329.69   |
| • Central Specialties, Inc. | \$1,305,421.23 | • Minerath Construction, Inc.   | \$1,349,899.08 |
| • A&C Excavating, LLC       | \$1,397,910.28 | • Midwest Contracting, LLC      | \$1,572,237.15 |

Wilson's recommendation is to award the bid to R&G Construction. Motion by Sik, seconded by Nielsen to award project SAP-041-607-045 to R&G Construction in the amount of \$920,945.22 which was 7.81% below the engineer's estimate. All (4) voted in favor.

Wilson informed the Board that there is a pipe on County Road 109 & 390<sup>th</sup> Street that is short and should be extended to prevent erosion on the in slope. Wilson would like approval to advertise for quotes to replace the pipe. Motion by Sik, seconded by Hauswedell to approve advertising for quotes to replace the pipe on County Road 109. All (4) voted in favor.

Wilson informed the Board that he received one application for the Engineering Technician. Wilson would like to continue advertising, but would like to do a web-based interview with the current applicant who lives out of state. Information only.

Wilson has a few items left for last year's projects. Wilson would like to hire out right of way items for upcoming projects.. The Board would like an estimated cost prior to hiring out for this. Information only.

Committee Reports were given:

Drietz – Absent  
 Hauswedell – AMC  
 Nielsen – AMC  
 Sik – None  
 VanDeVere – AMC, Park Board

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Hauswedell, seconded by Sik to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #15705 - #15824 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$226,240.39, Road & Bridge - \$22,298.98, Debt Service - \$28,991.35, Ditch - \$21,386.88, and LID - \$379.46. All (4) voted in favor.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: Ag Plus Cooperative - \$13,415.44, Alpha Training & Tactics LLC - \$2,030.60, Area II MN River Basin Projects - \$4,822.10, Christensen Broadcasting - \$10,000.00, Counties Providing Technology - \$5,376.00, Hancock Concrete Prod Co. LLC - \$17,496.88, Ivanhoe Public Library - \$7,000.00, Lake Benton Public Library - \$7,000.00, Lincoln Co. Council on Aging - \$2,000.00, Lincoln Co. Enterprise Dev Corp - \$31,500.00, Lincoln Co Fair Assn - \$18,712.50, Lincoln Co. Historical Soc. - \$10,000.00, Lincoln Soil-Water Conserv Dist. - \$45,000.00, Lozinski Construction Services - \$12,063.50, Plum Creek Library System - \$3,250.00, R C R C A - \$5,175.00, SeaChange - \$27,300.00, Siverson Public Library - \$7,000.00, Southwest Health and Human Services - \$2,298.00, SW MN Private Industry Council - \$2,080.00, Thomas Plumbing Inc. - \$16,927.85, Tyler Lumber Co. - \$5,830.20, Tyler Public Library - \$7,000.00, Woelber Excavating - \$2,065.00 and 91 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$33,953.99.

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer, requested approval to purchase 6 Omni Ballots plus software for Elections starting in 2022. The Omni Ballot is a ballot marking device and is replacing the current AutoMarks that are starting to fail. After this purchase, Lincoln County will have machines for all voting locations. Motion by Sik, seconded by Hauswedell, to approve the purchase of 6 Omni Ballots plus software for Elections starting in 2022 in the amount of \$27,300.00 of which \$7,859.28 is paid through the State VEGA-2 grant. All (4) voted in favor.

Vierhuf would like to amend Resolution Number 06-2021 Depository Designation. The Citizens State Bank of Tyler was added in the event that we would take out a CD in that bank. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hauswedell to amend Resolution No. 06-2021 Depository Designations to included Citizens State Bank of Tyler. All (4) voted in favor.

**AMENDED  
 Resolution 06-2021  
 2021 Depository Designations**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 118A.02, subdivision 1 (a) states "The governing body of each government entity shall designate, as a depository of its funds, one or more financial institutions."

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 118A.02, subdivision 1 (b) allows the governing body to authorize the Auditor-Treasurer or chief financial officer to make investments of funds under Minnesota Statute 118A.01 to 118A.06 or other applicable law;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Lincoln County, designates as depositories the following financial institutions and designates the following as brokers and authorized investment holders:

Wells Fargo  
MBS (Multi Bank Securities)  
US Bank  
Bank of the West  
Canby Co-op Credit Union  
Citizens State Bank of Tyler  
First Security Bank, Hendricks  
First Security Bank-Canby/Lake Benton Branch  
First Independent Bank of Russell

All banks and financial institutions that our brokerage firms deposit in and the said Board of Commissioners of said County having designated said banks and brokerage firms to act as depositories of the public funds of said County.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Lincoln County, that the proposals, the securities therein specified and the assignments thereof of each said institutions be and the same are hereby approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.

ATTEST:

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Mic VanDeVere, 2021 Board Chair

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Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Resolution No. 22-2021 was presented to appoint/re-appoint individuals to the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System Board of Commissioners. Biographies were also provided. Motion by Sik, seconded by Nielsen to approve Resolution No. 22-2021 Resolution Recommending the Appointment of Joseph Weber, Rod Spronk and Jerry Lonneman to the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water system Board of Commissioners. All (4) voted in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-2021  
RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF  
JOSEPH WEBER, ROD SPRONK, AND JERRY LONNEMAN  
TO THE  
LINCOLN PIPESTONE RURAL WATER SYSTEM  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Joseph 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, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Rod Spronk's 4 year term as a Commissioner on the LPRW Board of Commissioners is scheduled to expire at midnight on December 31, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Jerry Lonneman's 4 year term as a Commissioner on the LPRW Board of Commissioners is scheduled to expire at midnight on December 31, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 24, 2021 the LPRW Board of Commissioners unanimously adopted a Motion which recommends that Joseph Weber, Rod Spronk, and Jerry Lonneman each be re-appointed to another 4-year term on the LPRW Board of Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Board of Commissioners believes that Joseph Weber, Rod Spronk, and Jerry Lonneman are qualified to act as Commissioners on the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System Board of Commissioners and are all worthy of appointment.

ATTEST:

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Mic VanDeVere, 2021 Board Chair

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Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

A letter was presented from Duck's Unlimited for the purchase of 157 acres in section 27 of Diamond Lake Township for discussion. Information only.

Motion by Hauswedell, seconded by Nielsen to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. All (4) voted in favor.

ATTEST:

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Mic VanDeVere, 2021 Board Chair

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Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer