

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

May 4, 2021
Courthouse Commissioners Room-Zoom
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, Steve Hauswedell, Dean Nielsen, Corey Sik, and Mic VanDeVere. Also present were Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer, Deb Vierhuf and Lincoln County Attorney, Glen Petersen. No conflicts of interest were noted.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hauswedell to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the minutes from April 20, 2021, the agenda for May 4, 2021 and the 3.2 Malt Liquor License – St John Cantius Catholic Church – 4th of July celebration and gambling license. All voted in favor.

Robert Olsen, Environmental, requested final approval for the Gilbertson's second addition. Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Sik to approve Gilbertson's second addition and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Mylar plat. All voted in favor.

Olsen requested approval to obtain some radio spots for recycling education. Motion by Sik, seconded by Hauswedell to approve up to \$10,000.00 to be used for radio spots for recycling education. All voted in favor.

Olsen informed the Board that a letter was sent to all the members of CD #14 informing them that the ditch authority is looking at doing a redetermination. No objections were received from the members. Olsen will bring a document to the next meeting to order a redetermination for CD #14. The Board was in consensus of this. Information only.

Cathi Fouchi, Scott Roemhildt, and Ben Schaefer from the DNR were available via zoom. An update was given on the following items:

- There are seven divisions, and four regions of the MN DNR. Lincoln County is part of the South Region. (Region 4)
- The different types of DNR acquisitions in Lincoln County.
- The 2020 (PILT) amount issued in lieu of taxes.
- The Lakes in Lincoln County and the Lake Finder webpage.
- Lincoln County success stories.
- Strategic Land Asset Management Overview. SLAM stands for how the DNR determines if land is an appropriate purchase for the DNR.

Information only.

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

- Continuing to work towards getting County Highway 7 widening project out for bids.
- Working on 6 Township Box Culverts for 2021. The Box Culvert on County Highway 1 is being held up due to the Topeka Shiner.

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- Have started hauling gravel from the Community Wind North lay-down site.
- Blazing Star II has started hauling the extra dirt to the County lot.
- Have used most of the crack filling material.
- Load restrictions were removed on April 26th.
- Received load ratings for the bridges in the County. Many of these bridges are on the replacement list.
- Working on finalizing and closing projects from last year.

Wilson requested approval to hire for the Ivanhoe Motor Grader position. Motion by Nielsen, seconded by VanDeVere to approve moving Chad Midtaune from the Engineering Tech position to the Ivanhoe Motor Grader position. All voted in favor.

Wilson requested approval to post and advertise for the Engineering Tech Position. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Nielsen to approve posting and advertising for the Engineering Tech Position. All voted in favor.

Wilson informed the Board that the MnDOT ADA Pedestrian and Sidewalk Ramp project has started. Information only.

Wilson informed the Board that the Highway 271 project is scheduled to begin August 23, 2021. Information only.

Chad Meester, Lincoln County Sheriff, requested approval of the Federal Boat Grant. Motion by Hauswedell, seconded by Sik to approve the 2020 State of Minnesota Federal Boating Safety Supplemental Equipment Grant Contract Agreement. All voted in favor.

Meester informed the Board that the grant dollars will be used to purchase a boat and quotes will be presented at the next Board meeting. Information only.

Commissioner Drietz left the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

Michelle Baumhoefner, ACE Executive Director, presented the 2020 ACE Annual Report which provided volunteer information for all of the SW Minnesota counties that are involved with ACE. Information only.

Jodi Hexem, Aging and Volunteer Services Coordinator, gave an update on the following items:

- Lincoln County now has 4 food shelves. A new one has started in Hendricks.
- There are some new quilting groups.
- The Tyler Library will deliver books to those that can't get out.
- The volunteers have been great, but COVID has affected the volunteer hours.
- ACE will continue to increase and grow the sites through promotion and being out in the public.
- Thank you to the papers for their support.
- The community has requested more exercise groups.
- The Respite Programs give at-home caregivers a break and there is a caregiver's class available.
- The community is kept together with a strong volunteer program.
- Will be having some kind of recognition event for the volunteers.

Information only.

Committee Reports were given:

Drietz – Personnel, CPT

Hauswedell – Highway Roundtable, SWHHS, SWHHS Commissioner Training, Western Mental Health

Nielsen – Highway Roundtable, Personnel, ACE, HITM Park Board

Sik – Highway Labor Management, HRA

VanDeVere – Personnel, HITM Park

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Sik seconded by Nielsen to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #15423 - #15468 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$57,367.73, Road & Bridge - \$6,170.66, Ditch - \$3,838.56 and LID - \$71,288.11. All (4) voted in favor.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: Dodge of Burnsville Inc. - \$34,682.00, Hendricks Community Hospital - \$2,522.00, OnSolve Intermediate Holding Company - \$3,772.80, PLM Lake & Land Management - \$71,288.11, Pro-Vision Inc. - \$2,952.82, Mike Thooft - \$3,838.56, Ziegler Power Systems (CAT) - \$2,327.32, and 39 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$17,281.45.

Motion by Sik, seconded by Hauswedell to adjourn at 10:56 a.m. All (4) voted in favor.

ATTEST:

(SEAL)

Mic VanDeVere, 2021 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer