

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES

May 18, 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 May 4, 2021, and the agenda for May 18, 2021. All voted in favor.

Wendy Krueger and Amber Knutson were present to present the proposed purchase information of 265 Acres in the N ½ of Section 12 in Hope Township which is currently owned by the Persoon family. Knutson went through the type of land to be acquired, the current taxes, the projected In Lieu of Tax payment, and the DNR plans for the property. Resolution 17-2021 Review of Proposed State Wildlife Acquisition was presented for approval. Motion by Sik, seconded by Hauswedell to approve Resolution No 17-2021 Review of Proposed State Wildlife Acquisition – 265 Acres in the N ½ of Section 12, Hope Township (T109N, R44W). All voted in favor.

**Resolution No. 17-2021
Lincoln County
Board of County Commissioners
Review of Proposed State Wildlife Acquisition**

In accordance with Minnesota Statutes 97A.145 Subd. 2, the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources on May 18th, 2021 provided the county board and the appropriate town officers with a description of lands to be acquired by the State of Minnesota for water and wildlife conservation purposes.

Lands to be acquired are described as follows:

~265 acres in the N½ of Section 12, Hope Township (T109N, R44W).

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County on May 18th, 2021 that the State's proposed acquisition of the above described property be approved.

If applicable, reasons for disapproval:

This resolution was presented by Commissioner Sik seconded by Commissioner Hauswedell and upon vote was duly adopted.

ATTEST:

Mic VanDeVere, 2021 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Lisa Graphenteen, Director of Housing and Economic Development, gave an update on the Hole in the Mountain Regional Park Project and potential next steps for the project. Graphenteen informed the Board that three items need to be discussed. Those items are as follows:

- There are still some funds left from the first grant and the Board should decide where to spend those funds.
- The deadline is approaching for the Phase I Grant submission. Does the Board want to apply?
- Would the Board like DSI to help with the Phase I Grant process?

Graphenteen informed the Board that the remaining funds to be used are \$4,493.97. The State would prefer that we use the funds. They cannot be used for grant writing, but they can be used to refine the numbers in phase I and for refining the maps in support of the Master Plan and Phase I efforts. Commissioner VanDeVere stated the County would eventually have to do those items so he thought this would be a good use of the remaining funds. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Sik to use the remaining Hole in the Mountain Grant and matching funds of \$4,493.97 for refining the Phase I numbers and maps in support of the Master Plan and Phase I efforts. All voted in favor.

Motion by Sik, seconded by VanDeVere to approve the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission Grant Application Service Agreement between Lincoln County and DSI. All voted in favor.

Dale Sterzinger, Soil and Water Conservation District Manager, requested approval for a resolution extending the Lincoln County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Sik to approve Resolution No. 18-2021 Resolution to Extend the Lincoln County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan. All voted in favor.

**Resolution No. 18-2021
Resolution to Extend the Lincoln County
Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, §103B.301, Comprehensive Local Water Management Act, authorizes Minnesota Counties to develop and implement a Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan, and **WHEREAS**, Lincoln County currently has a state approved Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan that covers the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2021, and **WHEREAS**, Lincoln County consists of four Watersheds of which three contribute to the Minnesota River (Yellow Medicine River, Lac Qui Parle River and Redwood) and one contributes to the Missouri River Watershed (Big Sioux), and **WHEREAS**, the Yellow Medicine River and Missouri Watersheds are in the implementation stage of the One Watershed One Plan process of which Lincoln County is an active partner, and **WHEREAS**, the Lac Qui Parle River Watershed is in the planning stage of the One Watershed One Plan Process which is to be completed in 2023 of which Lincoln County is an active partner, and **WHEREAS**, the Redwood Watershed is in the process of applying for funding to enter the planning stage of the One Watershed One Plan process, estimated start of planning in 2023, of which Lincoln County is an active partner, and **WHEREAS**, Lincoln County has adopted the Yellow Medicine River and Missouri River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plans (One Watershed One Plans) and plans to adopt the Lac Qui Parle and Redwood Watershed plans when available, and **WHEREAS**, Lincoln County assures continued effort toward completion of the Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan update, and **WHEREAS**, the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources has authorization to grant extensions pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §103B.3367; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners requests from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources an extension of the effective date of the current County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan until December 31, 2028, in order to complete the update process in accordance with Minnesota Statutes §103B.301.

ATTEST:

Mic VanDeVere, 2021 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Chad Meester, Lincoln County Sheriff, presented two boat quotes. The quotes were as follows:

- Stubs Marine \$20,300.00
- Action Sports \$22,000.00

Motion by Sik, seconded by Nielsen to approve purchasing a boat from Stubs Marine in the amount of \$20,300.00 plus corresponding fees with the amount being reimbursed to the County through the Boat and Safety Grant. All voted in favor.

Meester informed the Board that they will be holding the Firearm Training on Wednesday and the Commissioners were invited to observe. Information only.

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

- County Highway 7 widening project from MN Hwy 19 to County Hwy 17 bids will be opened on June 7, 2021.
- Working on 6 Township Box Culverts for 2021.
- Box Culvert Project on County Highway 5 is planned to start on May 24th.
- Grading on County Hwy 1 and 13 is planned to start before the end of May.
- Paving on County Hwy 1 and 13 will start around June 7th.

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- Were able to get about 4,000 tons of gravel from the wind tower lay down sites
- Have received some dirt from the Blazing Star II project.
- Done with the crack filling for this year.
- Will be getting patching equipment ready to go.
- The frame on one of the snowplows has corroded and broke.
- Working on finalizing and closing projects from last year.

Wilson informed the Board that the Engineering Technician position will be posted internally through May 18 and published externally until June 7th or until filled. Information only.

garbage site in Tyler, from one of the four lumber yards within the County, with the best quote. All voted in favor.

Olsen informed the Board that the intersection signs have arrived. Information only.

Olsen has received some quotes for the cold storage building. Olsen would like to check into a couple things and will then bring the quotes to the Board for review and possible approval. Information only.

Jean Nelson, Lincoln County Assessor, requested approval to rehire Brad Leibfried for the Deputy Assessor/GIS position. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Nielsen to approve the re-hire of Brad Leibfried for the Deputy Assessor/GIS position. All voted in favor.

Committee Reports were given:

Drietz – None
 Hauswedell – None
 Nielsen – Lincoln County Enterprise Dev., Personnel
 Sik – None
 VanDeVere – Prime West, Rural Energy Board, Personnel, Hwy 23 Coalition

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Drietz seconded by Hauswedell to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #15510 - #15584 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$65,014.01, Road & Bridge - \$87,623.94 and, Ditch - \$500.00. All voted in favor.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: Richard A. Callens - \$5,850.00, Christensen Broadcasting - \$6,000.00, Counties Providing Technology - \$5,376.00, Randall D. Dombek - \$10,450.00, Tim Jerzak - \$3,000.00, William & Beatrice Jerzak - \$10,900.00, MN Pollution Control Agency - \$14,735.98, Pomp's Tire and Service - \$6,326.04, David R. Popowski - \$6,150.00, Quarnstrom & Doering, PA - \$2,272.50, Francis Remerowski - \$3,950.00, Rolling Acres Farm Trust - \$6,350.00, Rost Farms - \$9,900.00, Thomas Rost - \$8,000.00, Southwest Health and Human Services - \$22,474.00, Surplus Warehouse of Willmar Inc. - \$2,243.00, Towmaster - \$3,840.00, and 58 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$25,320.43.

Motion by Sik, seconded by Nielsen, to authorize Joe Drietz, the delegate for the RCRCA Board of Directors, to sign the RCRCA – Joint Powers Agreement – 2021. All voted in favor.

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer, informed the Board that the tentative award for the American Rescue Plan for Lincoln County is \$1,095,310.00 and requested approval to apply for the funds. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Sik to approve applying and receiving the American Rescue Plan funds and authorize Kristina Richmond to sign for the funds. All voted in favor.

Vierhuf informed the Board that a committee should be set up for review of American Rescue Plan funds expenditures. Motion by Sik, seconded by Hauswedell to approve the following individuals to be assigned to the American Rescue Plan funds Committee:

- Mic VanDeVere, Lincoln County Board Chair
- Joe Drietz, Lincoln County Vice Chair
- Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer
- Kristina Richmond – Lincoln County Deputy Auditor-Treasurer
- Joe Wilson – Lincoln County Engineer.

All voted in favor.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Sik to adjourn at 10:54 a.m. All voted in favor.

ATTEST:

(SEAL)

 Mic VanDeVere, 2021 Board Chair

 Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer