

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

November 2, 2021
Courthouse Commissioner 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, Mic VanDeVere, Dean Nielsen, and Corey Sik. Also present was Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer, Deb Vierhuf, and Lincoln County Attorney, Glen Petersen. No conflicts of interest were noted.

Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Drietz to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the minutes from October 19, 2021, and the agenda for November 2, 2021. All voted in favor.

Dale Sterzinger, Lincoln County Soil and Water District Manager, requested approval for the Board of Water and Soil Resources Natural Resources Block Grant Agreement. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Sik to approve the Board of Water and Soil Resources Natural Resources Block Grant Agreement for the years of 2022 and 2023. All voted in favor.

Sterzinger requested approval of the local matching dollars for the local water plan. Motion by Sik, seconded by Hauswedell to approve the \$3,355.00 local water plan matching funds for 2022. All voted in favor.

Sterzinger gave an update on different projects and utilization of grant funds in Lincoln County. Sterzinger informed the Board that if they match an additional \$20,000.00 to SWCD, they would give that money back to the County to be used for Pictometry. Information only.

Curt Madsen, Secretary of the Lincoln County Agricultural Society, presented a report of all receipts and disbursements from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. This report was reviewed with the Board. Additional detailed reports were presented to the Auditor-Treasurer to put on file in the Auditor-Treasurer's office. Madsen gave an update on the following items:

- The Exhibit building was painted this year.
- The Grant money from USDA was used to cement an apron of cement on the North side of the big cattle barn. If money is received next year, the South side will be cemented.
- The men's restroom has some water drainage problems that are being dealt with. It originally started as volunteer work, but due to issues, some fees will need to be paid out.
- A new mower has been purchased for about \$12,000.00. This was made possible due to CARES money that was received for other items.
- The annual meeting will be held the 3rd Tuesday of November which is open to the public.

Information only.

At 9:30 the Ag Land rent bids were opened.

Ag Land bids in Lincoln County described as approximately 101.5 acres of Agricultural Land, as located in the NE ¼ of Section 15, Township 111 North, Range 44 West (Lake Stay Township). Bids received were as follows:

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| • Tony Dwire | \$17,495.00 | • Kyle Bungler | \$17,255.00 |
| • Matthew Thooft | \$19,200.00 | • Kyle Kulla | \$18,270.00 |

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Nielsen to approve the high Ag Land Bid for approximately 101.5 acres located in the NE ¼ of Section 15-111-44 (Lake Stay Township) from Matt Thooft in the amount of \$19,200.00 per year for the years of 2022, 2023, and 2024. All voted in favor.

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

- The contractor continues to work on Co. Hwy 7 Widening Project. Expect to be finished this week.
- Box culverts, on Co Hwy 15 were started last week and on 19 planned to start later this week.

Information only.

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- 90% complete with installing the snow equipment.
- 75% complete with fall mowing.
- Preparing for the gravel crushing contract for next year.
- Curb and gutter work is being done in Tyler on Co. Hwy. 7
- Blading and shaping up gravel roads.
- Will continue ditch cleaning once it dries up.

Information only.

Wilson informed the Board that the new Highway Technician is planning to begin November 8th.
Information only.

Robert Olsen requested approval to hire Dustin Hauschild as the Environmental Administrator. Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Sik to approve hiring Dustin Hauschild as the Environmental Administrator effective January 1, 2022. All voted in favor.

Olsen requested approval of the 3-year lease agreement with Hendricks Farmers Lumber Company. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Nielsen to approve the 3 year lease agreement with Hendricks Farmers Lumber Company to lease premises for the placement of county recycling and rural garbage dumpsters in the amount of \$1,500.00 per year. All voted in favor.

Olsen requested approval of Resolution 31-2021. Motion by Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere to approve Resolution #31-2021 Authorizing the Assessment of Benefits, Establishing the Term of Assessment and Establishing a Rate of Interest on Assessments for JD #29. All voted in favor.

**Resolution # 31-2021
STATE OF MINNESOTA
LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regarding the assessment of benefits for the Redetermination of Lincoln Judicial Ditch No. 29, as ordered by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners acting as the Ditch Authority for Judicial No. 29	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 2, 2021 Commissioner Drietz moved, seconded by

Commissioner VanDeVere adoption of the following Resolution.

Whereas, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners acting as the Ditch Authority for Judicial Ditch No.29 recently completed proceedings for the Redetermination of Benefits of Judicial Ditch No. 29; 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.29 in the proceedings for Redetermination of Benefits of Judicial Ditch No.29.
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 one (1) year 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.

Upon vote, the Chair declared the Resolution adopted by unanimous resolution.

ATTEST:

Mic VanDeVere, 2021 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Olsen requested approval of Resolution No. 32-2021. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Sik to approve Resolution 32-2021 of the Lincoln County Ditch System for a one year loan to JD #29. All voted in favor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 32-2021
RESOLUTION OF THE LINCOLN COUNTY DITCH SYSTEM
FOR ONE-YEAR LOAN**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners, acting Ditch Authority, County of Lincoln, State of Minnesota, that the following ditch transfers are herewith adopted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lincoln County General Fund loan to the following ditch system in the total sum of \$248,000.00 for the duration of one (1) year with interest at the rate of 4%.

The following individual ditch system will have a deficit cash balance. Minn. Stat. 103E.655, Subd. 2 allows for loans to be made from the General Fund to a ditch system with insufficient cash to pay expenditures. If the County Board transfers money from another fund to a drainage system account, the money must be reimbursed from the proceeds of the drainage system account that received the transfer.

Fund 40-788	Judicial Ditch 29 – Redetermination Fund	Amount 248,000.00
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Consider the approval of the transferring monies in the amount of \$248,000.00 as of December 1, 2021 from the General Fund to individual ditch system with deficit cash balances.

WHEREUPON the above resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners this 2nd day of November, 2021.

ATTEST:

Mic VanDeVere, 2021 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Olsen informed the Board that he has received estimates on cost of disposal for the forfeited properties.

- The Arco house will cost approximately \$5,500.00 to remove.
- The Lake Benton house will cost approximately \$6,500.00 to remove the house as well as the wells and concrete.
- Olsen is gathering quotes to demolish the Ivanhoe brick building. There have been some inquiries regarding saving this building.
- To remove all of the concrete on the forfeited vacant lot in Ivanhoe, it will cost \$25,000.00 - \$35,000.00.

Commissioner Nielsen asked if we would be getting two quotes. Olsen will get a second estimate on these costs. Information only.

Olsen informed the Board that he has discussed the surplus vehicles from the clean-up with Alter Metal. Alter Metal will pay \$120.00 per ton for those vehicles except the Winnebago Camper. The Board was in consensus with having the vehicles hauled to Alter Metal. The Winnebago Camper will be disposed of in a different way. Information only.

Committee Reports were given:

Drietz – None
 Hauswedell – SWMHHS, Western Mental Health
 Nielsen – AMC District Meeting
 Sik – Plum Creek, Labor Management, HRA
 VanDeVere – Landfill Annual Meeting, AMC District Meeting, Supporting Hands

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Hauswedell, seconded by Nielsen to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #16790-#16840 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$95,540.86, Road & Bridge - \$58,075.54, Ditch - \$3,227.50 and County Agency - \$30,000.00 Commissioner Hauswedell, Nielsen, Sik, 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: A & C Excavating LLC - \$30,000.00, Ag Plus Cooperative - \$14,968.80, Black Strap Inc. - \$4,385.75, Buffalo Ridge Concrete Inc. - \$3,065.92, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP - \$8,312.85, Ground Works, LLC - \$2,902.50, Hancock Concrete Prod Co LLC - \$25,433.50, Liberty Tire Serves LLLC - \$9,808.60, Linc. Soil-Water Conserve Dis - \$43,355.00, Southwest Health and Human Services - \$25,174.65, and 41 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$19,436.33.

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer, asked for approval to pay an expense as an Auditor Warrant to meet a wellness deadline. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hauswedell to approve a check to Office Peeps to be issued in the amount of \$1,725.00 as an Auditor Warrant to meet the wellness deadline for reimbursement. All voted in favor.

Vierhuf informed the Board that letters have been issued to the previous owners of the forfeited properties where personal property was present. The letter informs the previous owner that they have 28 days to remove any personal property. The previous owner of parcel 19-0435-000 would like an extension of this deadline. The Commissioners would like the property removed by December 1, 2021. Vierhuf will telephone the individual and let them know. Information only.

Commissioner Hauswedell informed the Board that he did go look at the Parks 1988 GMC Truck. He felt we should put a minimum of \$1,000.00 on MinnBid for this truck. Information only.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Sik to adjourn the Board of Commissioner's meeting at 10:31 a.m. All voted in favor.

ATTEST:

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Mic VanDeVere, 2021 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer