

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

April 5, 2022
Courthouse Commissioner Room
Ivanhoe, MN 56142

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Board Chair Corey Sik, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners present were Joe Drietz, Steve Hauswedell, Dean Nielsen, Corey Sik, and Mic VanDeVere. 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 Nielsen to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the minutes from March 15, 2022, and the agenda for April 5, 2022. All voted in favor.

Dustin Hauschild, Lincoln County Environmental Administrator, presented the Conditional Use Permit for Christensen Farms. They will be increasing the amount of animal units by 500 for a total of 3,125 animal units. The Planning and Zoning Committee has recommended that this permit be approved. Hauschild stated that no objections were received from the public. The CD 36 tile may need to be located and repaired, but Christensen Farms will bear the cost of that. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Nielsen to approve the Conditional Use Permit for Christensen Farms to increase the facility by 500 animal units. All voted in favor.

Hauschild informed the Board that the SCORE report has been filed with the MPCA. The SCORE solid waste items were reviewed with the Board. Information only.

Hauschild informed the Board that the Lake Stay DNR Grant was applied for. We were not awarded any funds. The cost to treat the noxious weeds will be paid by Arco City, Lake Stay Township, the Lake Stay Sportsman Club and the County. The County will pay the initial amount and each entity will reimburse a portion of the expense. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hauswedell to approve contributing \$5,000 of AIS funds to treat the noxious weeds in Lake Stay. All voted in favor.

Hauschild informed the Board that an additional dumpster has been placed at the Alta Vista Rural Garbage Site. There have been several inappropriate items that have been dropped off at the Alta Vista site. The County is considering placing cameras at this site. Information only.

Hauschild informed the Board that Lyon County is grinding tires and would like Lincoln County to haul their tires to them. This is a good local option and the costs should be similar to when we haul to Liberty Tire. The Highway Department has been hauling tires to Lyon County with their side dump truck. Information only.

Hauschild informed the Board that the Preliminary Engineer's Report for JD 31 Branch 24 was presented at the Joint Ditch Meeting on March 30th and has been approved by the Joint Board. Information only.

Hauschild informed the Board that the bid opening for CD #14 railroad crossing will be April 28th with the award being at the May 3rd Board Meeting. Information only.

Danell Herzig, Director of Renewable Development NextEra Energy Resources, was present to answer any questions on the Buffalo Ridge Wind Road Use and Development Agreement. This agreement is very similar to the agreement that was used for Red Pine and Blazing Star II. Jay Wetmore, Sr. Infrastructure and Transportation Advisor, reviewed the process that is gone through to determine what route will be used for hauling wind turbines and equipment. Herzig reviewed specific points in the Buffalo Ridge Wind Road Use and Development Agreement and stated that there would be weekly communication with the Lincoln County Engineer as construction is done. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Drietz to approve the Buffalo Ridge Development Agreement which includes the Road Use and Repair Agreement. All voted in favor.

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

- Continue to prepare for 2022 projects – will be advertising for bids on those projects soon.
- The ADA Pedestrian Sidewalk Project has been moved into 2023. Some of the paving may be moved around as well to coincide with the projects.
- Will be advertising for paving projects soon with the bid opening on May 16th and the award on May 17th.

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- Have had snow and ice events.
- Crack filling has been done when pavement is dry.
- Have been hauling tires to Lyon County for the Environmental Department.

Wilson informed the Board that he continues to work on closing out projects from previous years. Information only.

Wilson requested approval to start summer hours the week of April 18th. The Commissioners would like Joe to wait until the next meeting to see if the weather has improved. Information only.

Wilson informed the Board that he is planning to have the Highway Round Table meeting on April 19th at 1:00 p.m. Informational only.

Wilson informed the Board that the Engineer's 4 year contract will need to be reviewed and approved in May. The Personnel Committee will review first and then will be brought to the full board for approval. Information only.

Brad Leibfried, Deputy Assessor/GIS, presented quotes to the Board for the Pictometry flyover. The recommended quote is about \$200,000 from Eagleview for 6 years which includes two flyovers. The last quote was \$70,000 per flyover. There are other companies that do this, but they do not provide all of the options we prefer. The difference in the quote is due to clarity. We previously have done 3" for cities and lake shore and 9" for rural properties. This quote is for 3" in the cities and lakeshore and 6" for all other properties. We will also be doing Arco, Verdi and Wilno at the 6" clarity. Flights are planned for March of 2023. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Nielsen to approve the Pictometry quote from Eagleview in the amount of \$201,840.00 for 6 years which would include two flyovers. All voted in favor.

Chad Meester, Lincoln County Sheriff, was present to review the discussion from the last meeting on becoming an associate member or a full member of the Drug Task Force. As a full member, we would have a deputy assigned to task force hours for an estimated amount of 1,000 hours per year. As an associate member, we would have a deputy attend the monthly meetings and get a feel for what the Drug Task Force entails. Motion by Sik, seconded by Nielsen to approve becoming an associate member of the Drug Task Force on a trial basis for 3 months. Commissioner Hauswedell, Nielsen, Sik and VanDeVere voted in favor. Commissioner Drietz voted in opposition. Motion carried by majority vote.

Commissioner Sik would like the deputies to patrol the rural drop off sites on a more regular basis to try to discourage the dumping of inappropriate items. Information only.

Glen Petersen, Lincoln County Attorney, presented Land Survey 9 for approval. The survey is a 2 acre piece that is being split from parcel 20-0078-010 to be used for the General Dollar Store. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Drietz to approve Land Survey No 9 located in the city of Tyler Sect-04 Twp-109 Rang-44. All voted in favor.

Committee Reports were given:

Drietz – Lincoln County Enterprise Development, CPT, Prime Health, Western Mental Health, JD31/24 Ditch Meeting,
 Hauswedell – Prime Health, Western Mental Health, JD31/24 Ditch Meeting,
 Nielsen – Prime Health, Pedestrian Ramp Info. Meeting in Hendricks
 Sik – HRA, SWMHHS
 VanDeVere – Rural Transportation Coalition, UCAP, Southern Prairie, Rural MN Energy Board, JD 31/24 Ditch Meeting

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Drietz seconded by Nielsen to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #17909 - #17955 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$21,209.42, Road & Bridge - \$27,234.62, Ditch - \$182.45 and Agency - \$6,500.00. All voted in favor.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: A & C Excavating LLC - \$6,500.00, Ag Plus Cooperative - \$18,105.32, American Solutions for Business - \$2,042.75, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP - \$2,100.00, The Computer Man Inc. - \$2,492.00, Fidlal Companies - \$2,221.91, Lincoln County Editorial Assn. - \$3,081.63, Tyler Oil Co. - \$2,250.19 and 39 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$16,332.69.

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer, requested approval on extending some of the LCEDC Board Members. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Nielsen to approve extending the terms for an additional three years for the following LCEDC Board Members.

- Jeanne Bednarek – District 4
- John Engels – District 5
- David Blee – At Large

All voted in favor.

Vierhuf presented Resolution 16-2022 which sets the values for the forfeited property. Motion by Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere to approve Resolution No. 16-2022 Forfeited Tax Values. All voted in favor.

**Resolution No. 16-2022
 Tax Forfeited Classification**

WHEREAS, certain lands in Lincoln County, Minnesota, have forfeited to the State of Minnesota for non-payment of taxes, and,

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners classify these lands as **non-conservation lands**, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 282.01.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following parcels of land be appraised as follows:

Shaokatan Township

Parcel #14-0132-000
 Sect – 23 TWP – 111 Range – 46
 Parcel Described in Inst #3922
 Property Address: 1565 Co Hwy 16 **\$70,000.00**

City of Arco

Parcel #16-0017-000
 Part of NW ¼ NE ¼ Bnd'd on N by S Line
 Ivy St Extnd'd W'ly on W by E Line Oak St &
 Being a Line // with & 660' W from W Line
 Cherry St, on S Line // with & 150' S from
 S Line Ivy St Extnd'd W'ly on E by Line // W'ly
 50' E from E Line Oak St & 610 ' W from W Line Cherry St
 (See Bk85PG621) **\$50.00**

Parcel #16-0078-000
 BLK – 8
 Lots 10-11-12 **\$100.00**

City of Ivanhoe

Parcel #18-0117-010
 Ivanhoe City
 BLK-1
 W 56' of Lots 1&2 **\$500.00**

Parcel #18-0126-000
 Ivanhoe City
 BLK-1
 Lots 17, 18, & 19 **\$500.00**

City of Lake Benton

Parcel #19-0435-000
 Lake Benton
 Blk – 2 Allens Add'n
 Lots 8, 9, 10, & 11 on 116 S
 Morton St. **\$100.00**

ADOPTED by unanimous vote, this 5th day of April, 2022.

ATTEST:

 Corey Sik, 2022 Board Chair

 Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Vierhuf requested approve of Resolution 17-2022 which sets the date for the forfeited auction. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hauswedell to approve Resolution 17-2022 Forfeited Auction Date. All voted in favor.

**Resolution No. 17-2022
 Tax Forfeited Auction**

WHEREAS, certain lands have forfeited to the State of Minnesota, for non-payment of taxes, and

WHEREAS, said lands have been classified and appraised, according to law, and lists thereof have been placed on file with the county auditor dated May 11, 2020 and May 11, 2021 therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the county auditor is hereby directed to sell said parcels of lands, for cash only, at public auction for not less than the appraised value, said sale to commence at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, May 26, 2022, in the Assembly Room -Courthouse, Ivanhoe, Minnesota, and continue thereafter according to law.

ADOPTED by unanimous vote, this 5th day of April, 2022.

ATTEST:

 Corey Sik, 2022 Board Chair

 Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Vierhuf presented Resolution No. 18-2022 which shows that we are in compliance with our current Commissioner Districts and they will remain the same. Motion by Hauswedell, seconded by Drietz to approve Resolution 18-2022 Redistricting. All voted in favor.

**Resolution No. 18-2022
Adoption of County Commissioner Districts**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 375 establishes the procedure and requires a process for redistricting County Commissioner districts based on population figures from the Federal Census; and,

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Statute section 204B.135, subd 2 requires that County Commissioner Districts be redistricted within 80 days of when the legislature has been redistricted or at least 15 weeks before the state primary election, whichever comes first; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to these statutes the 2020 Federal Census population figures shall be used to redistrict the Lincoln County Commissioner Districts by May 1, 2022, and that Commissioner Districts shall be bounded by town, municipal, ward, city district, or precinct lines; and,

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners upon review of the 2020 Federal Census population have determined they are in compliance and no changes need to be made.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners hereby is in compliance with the following districts for County of Lincoln, following town, municipal, ward, city district, or precinct lines as established in April 2012:

- District 1 - Drammen Twp., Lake Benton Twp., Verdi Twp., Lake Benton City (4-year term, 2024 Election)
- District 2 - Tyler City (4-year term, 2022 Election)
- District 3 - Hansonville Twp., Hendricks Twp. Shaokatan Twp., Hendricks City (4-year term, 2024 Election)
- District 4 - Alta Vista Twp., Marble Twp., Royal Twp., Ivanhoe City (4-year term, 2022 election)
- District 5 - Ash Lake Twp., Diamond Lake Twp., Hope Twp., Lake Stay Twp., Limestone Twp., Marshfield Twp., Arco City (4-year term, 2024 election)

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the districts are, for illustrative purposes, identified in a map of the county attached hereto.

ATTEST:

Corey Sik, 2022 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hauswedell, to adjourn at 10:47 a.m. All voted in favor.

ATTEST: (SEAL)

Corey Sik, 2022, Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer