

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES**

February 15, 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 Steve Hauswedell, Corey Sik, and Mic VanDeVere. Commissioner Nielsen attended via zoom. 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 Hauswedell, seconded by VanDeVere to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the minutes from February 1, 2022, and the agenda for February 15, 2022. All (3) voted in favor.

Chad Meester, Lincoln County Sheriff, informed the Board that we have a 2011 Ford F350 Super Duty Pickup that was forfeited. There is currently a loan on the vehicle in the amount of \$10,370.40. Meester would like to pay the loan and sell the pickup on an auction site. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hauswedell to approve an auditor warrant be issued to Mountain America Credit Union in the amount of \$10,370.40 to pay the loan of a forfeited vehicle (2011 Ford F350 Super Duty Pickup). All (3) voted in favor.

Dustin Hauschild, Lincoln County Environmental, informed the Board that he amended the AIS plan to set aside funds for AIS treatments of noxious weeds and would like approval of the amended plan. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hauswedell to approve the Amended AIS Plan to allow funds be set aside for the treatment of noxious weeds. All (3) voted in favor.

Hauschild informed the Board that the Lake Stay Treatment meeting was held. Information only.

Hauschild informed the Board that he had checked with Area II to see if they could assist us with the CD 14 Boring project. Area II is restricted to projects that retard or retain water so they are unable to assist. Hauschild did go ahead with Boulton & Menk preparing the CD 14 Railroad Crossing Contracts. Information only.

Hauschild informed the Board that a meeting will be held today at 5:00 p.m. regarding the Buffalo Ridge Wind Farm which will include 40 towers at a 108.7 MW capacity. Information only.

Hauschild presented Lincoln County Land Use Permit data for the years 2017-2021. The report showed permit totals for new homes, remodeling of homes, new farm construction, farm remodeling, grain dryer bins, garage, mobile home, lakeshore restoration, windbreaks, business/wind towers and miscellaneous structures. Information only.

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

- Continue to prepare for 2022 projects
- Has finished with the 2021 bridge inspections.

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- Working on the intersection signs as weather allows. About 4 miles left.
- Completed repairs on the Semi and the Ivanhoe and Lake Benton Trucks.
- Have been doing some pot hole patching.
- Have been repairing some barricades and flashers.

Wilson informed the Board that the trailer that was ordered in 2021 is done and ready for pickup. The base price had increased by \$400.00 due to the increase in the cost of steel. Motion by VanDeVere,

seconded by Hauswedell to approve the \$400.00 increase to the trailer, purchased from Brake Away Trailers & Auto LLC, with the total amount being \$17,265.25. All (3) voted in favor.

Wilson informed the Board that due to lack of materials, the 1 Ton Silverado pickup ordered last March was cancelled. We will be ordering a 2023 model in May. The price should remain the same. Information only.

Wilson informed the Board that he has started the Road Use Agreement and the Development Agreement for the Buffalo Ridge Wind project. Information only.

Rick Drietz, Lincoln County Maintenance, requested to declare the Ariens walk behind snow blower as surplus. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hauswedell to declare the walk behind Ariens snow blower as surplus to be sold on consignment at Lipinski Small Engine. All (3) voted in favor.

Glen Petersen, Lincoln County Attorney, presented the ad to sell 5 acres of development property. Petersen stated that a survey of the property still needs to be completed. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hauswedell to approve the Ivanhoe Development Property Ad to sell 5 acres of development property located in part of the South Half (S1/2) of Section 18, Township 111 North, Range 45 West by sealed bids once the survey is complete. All (3) voted in favor.

Petersen presented Registered Land Survey No. 8 for approval. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hauswedell to approve Registered Land Survey No. 8: That part of Lot F and Lot 5 Lying within the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 9. Township 109 North, Range 44 West, of the Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Principle Meridian. All (3) voted in favor.

Petersen presented Registered Land Survey No. 7 for approval. Motion by Sik, seconded by VanDeVere to approve Registered Land Survey No. 7. All (3) voted in favor.

Committee Reports were given:

Drietz – absent  
 Hauswedell – Lake Stay Treatment Meeting  
 Nielsen – Personnel  
 Sik – Personnel  
 VanDeVere – Prime West, Supporting Hands

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by VanDeVere seconded by Hauswedell to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #17588 - #17650 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$26,985.15, Road & Bridge - \$39,619.83, and Ditch - \$8,909.16. All (3) voted in favor.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: Brake Away Trailers and Auto LLC - \$17,265.25, Ron Bunjer - \$4,610.78, Counties Providing Technology - \$5,637.00, Lipinski Small Engine & Hardware - \$3,047.51, M-R Sign Co Inc. - \$3,636.29, Midstate Equip & Supply - \$12,298.00, Rural MN Energy Board - \$2,500.00, Southwest Health and Human Services - \$2,546.50, Arnie Thooft - \$4,018.00, Ziegler Power Systems (CAT) - \$2,662.04, and 53 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$17,292.77.

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer, presented Resolution No. 13-2022. Motion by Hauswedell, seconded by VanDeVere to approve Resolution No. 13-2022 A Resolution Approving Lincoln County's application for funding from the 2022 Help America Vote Act Grant Program. All (3) voted in favor.

#### **RESOLUTION 13-2022**

**A Resolution Approving Lincoln County's application for funding from the 2022 Help America Vote Act (HAVA) grant program.**

WHEREAS, Minnesota counties are responsible for administering elections; and  
 WHEREAS, Minnesota counties are responsible for information technology, including security capabilities and best practices; and  
 WHEREAS, during its 2021 Special Session, the Minnesota Legislature, via Chapter 12, Article 1, Sec. 41, directed the distribution of \$3 million from federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) appropriations as grants to political subdivisions to be used to improve accessibility to, implement security improvements for elections for, and/or fund other activities to improve the security of, federal elections; and  
 WHEREAS, regularly scheduled state elections in Minnesota are also federal elections; and  
 WHEREAS, the HAVA grants program does not require counties to match any amount of funding to be eligible to receive a grant award amount; and  
 WHEREAS, to receive funding from the 2022 Help America Vote Act (HAVA), counties must submit an application to the Minnesota Secretary of State by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 15, 2022; now, therefore,  
 BE IT RESOLVED, Lincoln County approves the application for funding from the 2022 Help America Vote Act (HAVA) grant program and hereby authorizes the Auditor/Treasurer to submit and execute the grant application on behalf of Lincoln County; and  
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County certifies that any funds awarded from the HAVA grants program will be used for improvements or enhancements to accessibility or security of elections and the County is aware of the interpretation this extends to wider information technology, network and physical security and accessibility improvements and enhancements to county environments, so long as election functions are covered within.

Passed and adopted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners this 15th day of February 2022.

ATTEST:

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 Corey Sik, 2022, Board Chair

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 Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hauswedell, to adjourn at 10:04 a.m. All voted in favor.

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 Corey Sik, 2022, Board Chair

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 Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer