

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES**

January 18, 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 Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the minutes from January 4, 2022, and the agenda for January 18, 2022. All voted in favor.

Dustin Hauschild, Lincoln County Environmental, informed the Board that the directional drilling permit, that was applied for to drill under the railroad in section 2 of Hope Township, has been denied. The Jack and Bore permit was approved previously. Hauschild would like to get quotes for two phases of this project. First Hauschild would like to get quotes for the Jack and Bore part of the project. Once this part of the project is complete, Hauschild would like to get quotes for the tiling. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hauswedell to approve getting quotes for the Jack and Bore part of the CD #14 project. All voted in favor.

Hauschild requested approval of the 2022 AIS Inspection Delegation Agreement and the authorization for Hauschild to sign. Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Drietz to approve the 2022 AIS Inspection Delegation Agreement and authorized Hauschild to sign said agreement. All voted in favor.

Hauschild discussed the potential treatment of Lake Stay with the Board. PLM gave an estimated cost of \$15,500 per year for 4 years. A grant may pay for part of this expense. Lake Stay Township, the City of Arco, and the Sportsman Club are also willing to donate. Hauschild would like to see a meeting set between all parties involved and see what they are willing to donate. Commissioner Hauswedell will attend this meeting. Information only.

Hauschild requested approval to declare the 18V DeWalt DW079 laser as surplus. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Drietz to declare the 18V DeWalt DW079 laser as surplus and sold on MinnBid. All voted in favor.

Hauschild informed the Board that the Ivanhoe Creamery has been cleaned out and secured. Information only.

Hauschild requested approval to amend Resolution 35-2021 2022 Ditch Assessments. The only change was to increase the assessment for JD #31 from \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00. Motion by Sik, seconded by Hauswedell to amend Resolution 35-2021 2022 Ditch Assessments. All voted in favor.

**Resolution No. 35-2021  
AMENDED**

**Resolution of the Lincoln County Ditch System Assessments for 2022**

**Be it Revolved** by the Lincoln Board of Commissioners, acting as the County Ditch Authority, County of Lincoln, State of Minnesota, that the following assessments are herewith adopted; and

**Be it Further Resolved** that the following assessments are adopted to maintain an appropriate balance in each of the following Ditch Repair Funds:

<u>DITCH</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
County Ditch No. 2	5,000.00
County Ditch No. 7	5,000.00
County Ditch No. 8	2,500.00
County Ditch No. 10	5,000.00
County Ditch No. 14	10,000.00
County Ditch No. 15	5,000.00
County Ditch No. 18	5,000.00
County Ditch No. 20	5,000.00
County Ditch No. 35	50,000.00
County Ditch No. 36	5,000.00
County Ditch No. 37	25,000.00
County Ditch No. 41	5,000.00
County Ditch No. 49	2,500.00
County Ditch No. 50	2,500.00
Public Ditch No. 3	1,000.00
Judicial Ditch No. 11	2,500.00
Judicial Ditch No. 12	10,000.00
Judicial Ditch No. 19	10,000.00
Judicial Ditch No. 21	2,500.00
Judicial Ditch No. 22	2,500.00

Judicial Ditch No. 30	10,000.00
Judicial Ditch No. 31	<del>15,000.00</del> 20,000.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the aforementioned assessments are due and payable to the Ditch Repair Funds in 2022.

**WHEREUPON** the above resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners this 9th day of December, 2021 and amended this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021..

ATTEST:

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Corey Sik, 2022 Board Chair

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Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Hauschild requested approval of Resolution 11-2022 Lincoln County Ditch System One Year Loans. Motion by Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere to approve Resolution 11-2022 Lincoln County Ditch Systems One Year Loans. All voted in favor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11- 2022**

**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 systems in the total sum of \$55,166.00 for the duration of one (1) year with interest at the rate of 4%.

The following individual ditch systems 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 that received the transfer.

<u>DITCH</u>	<u>Amount</u>
County Ditch No. 35	\$32,588.00
Judicial Ditch No. 12	\$ 6,247.00
Judicial Ditch No. 31	\$16,331.00

Consider the approval of the transferring monies in the amount of \$55,166.00 as of December 31, 2021 from the General Fund to individual ditch systems with deficit cash balances at 2021 year end. The monies transferred will be reimbursed effective December, 2022.

**WHEREUPON** the above resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022

ATTEST:

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Corey Sik, 2022 Board Chair

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Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Hauschild informed the Board that there are some legislative proposals for the Solid Waste Management Tax. The Solid Waste Administrative Association supports allocating 100% of the Solid Waste Management Tax to state and county Waste Management activities. Hauschild presented a sample resolution that may be brought back for approval at a later date. Information only.

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

- Continue to prepare for 2022 projects

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- Have finished cutting trees down on County Roads 111, 114 and 19
- Have installed Intersection signs in 9 townships. The north 6 townships are remaining.
- Purple Wave will be here today to get information for posting our surplus property
- Have done snow and ice removal

Wilson informed the Board that he continues to work on finalizing and closing out projects from 2020 and 2021. Information only.

Wilson requested VPN use for the Highway Accountant from home when needed and the Highway Technicians while they are in the field. Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Drietz to approve VPN use for the Highway Accountant from home when needed and the Highway Technicians while they are in the field. All voted in favor.

The MnDOT has inquired about the agreement to share drivers if needed. It has not been used in the past, but would like to have the agreement in place if needed. Information only.

Chad Meester, Lincoln County Sheriff, reviewed the 4 year activity with the Board. Information only.

Meester would like consideration on entering into a Joint Powers Agreement with Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force. Commissioner Sik would like to have a Personnel meeting with Chad about the Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force and get more detailed information on this before moving forward on this. Information only.

Commissioner Sik inquired on when the Code Red Program will be up and running. Meester said it is ready to use and will be in place for spring. Information only.

Committee Reports were given:

- Drietz – LacQuiParle Watershed, Area II and RCRC, CPT Personnel,
- Hauswedell – Arco Sportsman Club
- Nielsen – LCEDC, MN Rural Counties phone call
- Sik – None
- VanDeVere – SW Regional Development, PACE,

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Drietz seconded by VanDeVere to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #17384 - #17448 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$33,679.14, Road & Bridge - \$30,666.43, Ditch - \$20,785.17, and Agency - \$13,392.62.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: A&C Excavating LLC - \$2,820.00, Assn of MN Counties - \$2,200.00, Counties Providing Technology - \$5,514.00, Dean Brandt's Heating & Air Conditioning - \$2,945.00, Ground Works, LLC - \$12,658.75, Gary L. Jorgensen - \$3,878.00, Kluver Law Office & Mediation Center - \$2,736.00, Lyon Co Auditor-Treasurer - \$16,907.17, MN Sheriffs' Assn. - \$3,875.06, Vollan Oil - \$23,172.23 and 55 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$21,817.15.

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer presented the 2022 Agreement for Technology Services. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hauswedell to approve the 2022 Agreement for Technology Services between Lincoln County and Southwest Health and Human Services. All voted in favor.

Vierhuf presented the 2022 Lease Agreement. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Nielsen to approve the 2022 Lease Agreement between Lincoln County and Southwest Health and Human Services. All voted in favor.

Discussion was held on the lots by the Highway that the County will be selling. The County is considering forming a County EDA. If the County decides to sell the land, they could request a development plan to accompany any bids received. Information only.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere, to adjourn at 10:34 a.m. All voted in favor.

ATTEST: (SEAL)

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Corey Sik, 2022, Board Chair

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Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer