

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

November 1, 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 Nielsen, seconded by Hauswedell to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the minutes from October 18, 2022, and the agenda for November 1, 2022. All voted in favor.

Ann Orren, SWHHS Community Public Health Supervisor, presented information on the Opioid Settlement dollars. There are two different settlements. The Johnson and Johnson settlement will be paid out over a nine year period and the 3 pharmaceutical distributors will be distributed over 18 years. This will be distributed to all the counties and some larger cities. Rock, Lyon and Pipestone County are turning all of the money over to SWHHS Public Health to distribute. SWHHS Community Public Health is willing to be the lead strategist on disbursing the money. Community partners made up of Law Enforcement, Ambulance, Treatment Centers, Schools, Pharmacists, Hospitals and other members would gather and assess the needs of our community. Recommendations would be made and brought back to the Board for approval. Commissioner VanDeVere did not want to lock this in for the full 18 years. Motion by Hauswedell, seconded by VanDeVere to turn the first year of funds over to SWHHS Community Public Health for distribution with the final decision coming back to the Lincoln County Board. Commissioner Drietz, Hauswedell, Nielsen and Hauswedell voted in favor. Commissioner Sik voted in opposition. Motion carried by majority vote.

Robin Sik, Sheriff's Office Administrator, informed the Board that a part-time dispatcher, with 32 guaranteed hours, was posted. The current part-time dispatcher was the only application and Sik requested approval to move this person to the 32 guaranteed hour dispatcher position. This was brought to the Personnel Committee ahead of time and was agreed that this would be acceptable. Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Hauswedell to increase the current part-time dispatcher to a guaranteed 32 hour part-time dispatcher. All voted in favor.

Vince Robinson, President of DSI, stated that they have been working with the Blandin Group and funding has been provided for hot spots to be installed at the Lincoln County Parks. The funds will cover ½ of the installation fee and the monthly cost for the first two years. The Norwegian Park already has a hot spot, HITM Park has internet access at the maintenance shed and Picnic Point has no internet access. The plan is to add another link to the hot spot at the HITM Park at the chalet and this would be able to be moved as the park project progresses. The other part of the plan is to install internet access at Picnic Point with two hotspots. The cost for ½ of the equipment would be \$656.00. The full cost will be paid by Lincoln County with ½ of the installation and the monthly fee being reimbursed through the Blandin Grant. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Drietz to approve the ITC Hotspots for the Lincoln County Parks at a cost of \$656.00 which represents ½ of the equipment fee. The other ½ of the equipment fee and the monthly cost for the first two years will be reimbursed through the Blandin Grant. All voted in favor.

Robinson gave an update on the HITM Project. The environmental review has been completed and it has been determined that an Archeological Survey will be required. Vince requested authorization to get an RFP for an Archeological Firm to do this survey. The cost for this survey will be at a local cost. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hauswedell to approve an RFP for an Archeological Firm for the HITM Project for all the phases as separate bids. All voted in favor.

Robinson informed the Board that the application had been submitted for Phase II. This application was denied. Robinson feels it was denied due to some of the issues with Phase I and thought it would be a burden for the County to be working on 2 phases at one time. Robinson feels once we have the Archeological study done, we can resubmit the application for Phase II and there is a good chance it will be awarded. We did score well on the application. Information only.

Robinson requested approval of the grant agreement between the State of Minnesota and Lincoln County. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Drietz to approve the State of Minnesota Grant Contract Agreement for the Hole in the Mountain County Park Project. All voted in favor.

Dustin Hauschild, Lincoln County Environmental, requested approval of Resolution 33-2022 To Authorize the MPCA Greater MN Recycling and Composting Grant submittal. There is a 25% local match requirement. This can be a direct or indirect match. This would amount to about \$37,500.00. The Resolution also authorizes Hauschild to sign the grant agreement on the County's behalf. Part of the grant will be used for improvements for the landfill site and some of the garbage sites to improve our recycling program. Hauschild is also looking at some of the grant dollars to be used for wages and is looking at possibly hiring a part-time position for the duration of the grant. The thought is that the part-time position could be trained for a position that has a possible retirement in the future. Motion by Sik,

seconded by Nielsen to approve Resolution 33-2022 Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Fiscal Year 2023 Grant Program Authorization Resolution. All voted in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 33-2022
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
Fiscal Year 2023 Grant Program
Authorization Resolution

WHEREAS, Lincoln County Environmental Office has applied for a grant from the Minnesota pollution Control Agency (MPCA) under its FY2022 Greater MN Recycling and Composting Grant Program, and

WHEREAS, if MPCA funding is received, Lincoln County Environmental Office is committed to implementing the proposed project as described in the grant application; and

WHEREAS, MPCA requires that Lincoln County Environment Office enter a grant agreement with the MPCA that identifies the terms and conditions for the funding award;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lincoln County Board of Commissioner's hereby agrees to enter into and sign a grant agreement with the MPCA to carry out the project specified therein and to comply with all the terms, conditions and matching provisions of the grant agreement and authorizes and directs the Environment Administrator to sign the grant agreement on its behalf.

ATTEST:

Corey Sik, 2022, Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Hauschild informed the Board that he attended the Lyon County Landfill Advisory meeting. The tipping fees were discussed. In 2018, the tipping fee was dropped from \$43.00 to \$39.00. The fee will be increased \$6.00 due to inflation and constructions costs. The Lyon County Landfill Advisory Board recommended to the Lyon County Board this increase to be done over 2 years with the increase for 2023 being \$3.00. The fee will be set by the Lyon County Board at their Nov 1st County Board Meeting. Fees from area facilities were presented. Information only.

Hauschild presented County Ditch updates. They were as follows:

- CD #14 – Tile was delivered a couple weeks ago. TE Underground will be installing the tile.
- JD #19 – A & C has leveled and knocked out the stumps along the system. The Environmental staff has been out picking up the remainder of the stumps and some rocks and delivering them to county pit nearby. Hoping to get the seeding completed to get the buffer re-established this year.
- CD #37 – The repair is being worked on and some exploration will be done in some areas of the tile.
- Lyon County Joint Ditch meeting – discussion was held on if we should have a joint meeting to discuss possible maintenance and repairs. The Commissioners would like to have a joint meeting.
- JD #31 Branch #24 – The viewers report was approved. Starting to get bid documents together.

Hauschild informed the Board that he has been working with Area II on the Shaokatan Outlet. An application will be sent in prior to additional borings. Discussion has been held on moving the structure. Some individuals from the public had inquired about if this would change the elevation of the lake. Hauschild would like to clarify that this will not change the elevation of the lake. Information only.

Hauschild inquired about the funding guarantee from the County for Lidar. Hauschild presented a letter that he will complete and would like a motion guaranteeing funding from the County. Commissioner Drietz would like Hauschild to check with Soil and Water to see if they would like to guarantee funding as well. Motion by Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere to guarantee \$20,000.00 to the Lidar Project to be paid out of the Buffer Account. All voted in favor.

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

- Striping has been completed on the Paving Project.
- Pavement fixes should be finished.
- Gravel crushing is finished at the Guida Pit.
- Working on getting the Township Bridge Projects out before the end of the year.
- Surveys are being completed for upcoming projects.
- Working on bridge inspection reports.

Wilson requested a consensus to advertise for the Township Bridges. The Board was in consensus with moving forward on advertising for the Township Bridges. Information only.

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- The fall mowing is $\frac{3}{4}$ done.
- Looking at doing some small ditch cleaning and fence line removal.

- Will do some shouldering before winter.
- Some snow sloping projects need to be done pending a landowner approval.
- Some signs for the widening project will be put back up.
- Some gravel from the wind tower project has been received.

Wilson continues to work on finalizing and closing out projects from previous years. Information only.

Wilson requested approval to fix an old concrete gutter in the Highway parking lot where it holds water and is currently a slip and trip hazard. Wilson received an estimate of \$1,500.00 for a 37 foot long by 4 feet wide concrete gutter replacement. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hauswedell to move forward with replacing a 37 foot x four feet concrete gutter for an estimated amount of \$1,500.00 from Matt Pederson Concrete Construction, LLC and to pay this out of capital improvement. All voted in favor.

Wilson informed the Board that the Buffalo Ridge Wind project is wrapping up and discussions have started for ending the road use agreement. Information only.

Wilson informed the Board that MN Highway 68 should reopen November 4th. Information only.

Committee Reports were given:

Drietz – CPT,
 Hauswedell – Personnel, SWHHS, Western Mental Health, Ditch JD 31 - 24
 Nielsen – Personnel, ACE, AMC
 Sik – Plum Creek
 VanDeVere – AMC, Transit, PRIME West, Ditch JD 31 - 24

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by VanDeVere seconded by Hauswedell to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #19343 - #19391 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$42,940.46, Road & Bridge - \$45,151.52, Debt Service - \$13,051.18 and Ditch - \$1,556.10. Commissioner Hauswedell, Nielsen, Sik and VanDeVere voted in favor. Commissioner Drietz abstained due to an Ivanhoe Service Center check. Motion carried by majority vote.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: A.C.E. of Southwest Minnesota - \$3,796.50, Ag Plus Cooperative - \$22,650.57, Black Strap Inc. - \$7,361.20, C & B Operations, LLC - \$10,500.00, Fidar Companies - \$3,347.77, Liberty Septic, Inc. - \$18,051.18, Matt Pederson Concrete Construction, LLC - \$10,200.00, MN Dept. of Transportation – St. Paul - \$5,398.47, SeaChange - \$2,250.00, TolK Graveling LLC - \$7,232.34 and 38 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$11,911.23.

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer, requested approval to approve the CliftonLarsonAllen 2022 Statement of Work Letter. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Drietz to approve the CliftonLarsonAllen 2022 Statement of Work letter. All voted in favor.

Vierhuf requested approval of the CliftonLarsonAllen 2022 Master Services Agreement. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Drietz to approve the CliftonLarsonAllen 2022 Lincoln County Master Services Agreement. All voted in favor.

Vierhuf requested approval for the Agreement for IT Services. Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Hauswedell to approve the Agreement for Information Technology Services between Lincoln County and Southwest Health and Human Services. All voted in favor.

Vierhuf requested approval of an additional \$400.00 to be paid for the Highway parking lot gutter replacement. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hauswedell to approve the additional \$400.00 to Matt Pederson Concrete Construction, LLC for the Highway parking lot gutter replacement. All voted in favor.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hauswedell, to adjourn at 10:37 a.m. All voted in favor.

ATTEST:

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 Corey Sik, 2022, Board Chair

 Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer