

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

October 4, 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 September 20, 2022, and the agenda for October 4, 2022. All voted in favor.

Dales Sterzinger, Soil and Water District Manager, requested approval of the Lac Qui Parle – Yellow Bank River Watershed Joint Powers Collaboration. Motion by Drietz, seconded by VanDeVere to approve the Lac Qui Parle – Yellow Bank River Watershed joint Powers Collaboration. All voted in favor.

Sterzinger gave an update on the following items:

- Keith Olsen was appointed for Dan Christianson's position. He will also be on the ballot.
- Sterzinger reviewed the watershed plan dollars that have been expended in Lincoln County.
- 4 waterway and 1 basin project has been completed this year.
- 15 wells have been sealed this year.
- Sterzinger will put a power point presentation together and bring to a future meeting.

Information only.

John Appelen, an area landowner, discussed his concern with the levy. Lincoln County is currently at a 3% increase for pay 2023. Appelen feels more of the wind production money should be direct property tax relief. John Olson was also present and he is in favor of using the wind dollars as property tax relief. Information only.

Dustin Hauschild, Lincoln County Environmental, gave the following garbage site and solid waste updates:

- We have hired a new caretaker of the Alta Vista and Marble Store garbage site and it is going well.
- The Solid Waste Commissioner dues have increased to \$2,500.00 per year for 2023 and 2024 to help cover the cost of the ten year plan.
- We currently have a gravel pad at our garbage transfer site. Hauschild would like to change this to a cement pad possibly next spring.
- Working on options with Lyon County to recycle cushions or mattresses so they do not end up in the landfill.
- Currently we set usable items aside at the landfill. Hauschild would like to have a small building for this purpose, but would look into a grant to cover the cost.

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Hauschild informed the Board that stumps and spoil piles need to be leveled on JD #29. Hauschild received a quote from D & G Excavating and the cost should not exceed \$4,500.00 The Board was in consensus with moving forward. Information only.

Hauschild informed the Board that 1,970 feet of tile will need to be replaced on CD #37. Hauschild would like to get a quote from Ground Works and expects the cost to be up to \$6,800.00. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Nielsen to hire Ground Works to replace 1,970 feet of tile on CD #37 with the cost not to exceed \$6,800.00. All voted in favor.

Hauschild informed the Board that we are ready to proceed with the CD #14 tile install. TE Underground did the jack and bore work, but now we need to do 670 feet of tile which will complete that project. TE Underground estimated the cost to be \$10,000.00 or less. Motion by Hauswedell, seconded by VanDeVere to approve the remaining 670 feet of tile on the CD #14 project to be completed by TE Underground at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00. All voted in favor.

Hauschild informed the Board that through discussions with the Highway Engineer, the intersection sign budget will be moved from Environmental to Highway. This would be a smoother process since the highway department does all of the work installing the signs. The Board was in consensus with this change. Information only.

Hauschild requested approve to replace the 2005 John Deere Gator with a 2023 John Deere Gator. The 2005 Gator does not have roll protection on it. Since the gator is used to check buffer strips, Hauschild will use buffer funds to purchase. Hauschild presented a quote from Kibble Equipment in the amount

\$14,912.00 after the trade-in. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Drietz to approve the purchase of a 2023 John Deere Gator in the amount of \$20,400.00 less the trade amount of \$5,488.00 for a net payable amount of \$14,912.00. All voted in favor.

Hauschild gave an update on the Lake Shaokatan outlet. There has been some discussion on where the outlet is at. Some people would like to see it moved closer to the lake. Hauschild has inquired with Area II on what it would take to move the outlet. There would be some additional permitting to get this done. The stream and wetland impact will need to be reviewed. There would also be additional cost. Hauschild would like to have The Soil and Water Conservation office determine what the wetland impact would be. If we have to purchase wetland credits, it could double the cost. If there is minimal wetland impact, the extra cost would be around \$10,000.00. The Board feels that we should at least do the soil borings to see if moving the outlet is an option and then go from there. Information only.

Daryl Schlapkohl, Lincoln County Parks Manager, presented two quotes for a John Deere lawnmower. The quotes were as follows:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C&B Operations, LLC (less trade)
\$10,500.00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kibble Equipment (less trade)
\$9,479.83 |
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Schlapkohl recommends we go with C & B Operations since they have the mower on hand. Kibble Equipment does not know how long it would take to get that mower in. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hauswedell to approve the purchase of the John Deere 1580 Terrain Cut with the 72 inch commercial side discharge mower deck in the amount of \$37,385.00 less the trade in value of \$26,885.00 for a net amount of \$10,500.00. All voted in favor.

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

- The 2022 Paving Project is progressing. Hoping to get the shoulders completed soon.
- Gravel crushing has started and should be done next week.
- Planning to advertise and award township bridge projects by the end of the year.

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- Have finished hauling gravel for the gravel road maintenance.
- Plan to start hauling sand.
- Will start doing salt mixing.
- Have a few culvert repairs that are planned for this year.
- Have some ditch cleaning projects lined up.
- Doing some clean-up at the Sook and Manly Pit.

Information only.

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

Wilson informed the board that the quote for the parking lot gutter replacement will be \$8,000.00. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Drietz to approve the quote of \$8,000 from Matt Pederson Concrete Construction LLC for the parking lot gutter replacement to be paid out of the capital improvement fund. All voted in favor.

Wilson informed the Board that the detour for Highway 68 will be in place through October 14th. Information only.

Lisa Graphenteen, Director of Housing and Economic Development, was present to discuss the engineering services for the HITM Park Project. Through the formal RFP, WSB was chosen for the planning of the project. We are still waiting for the environmental review and will not get any grant funds until this is complete. WSB would like to proceed with some of the engineering work prior to winter weather. Graphenteen would like to know if the Board feels it is appropriate to proceed with WSB. We can proceed with design and engineering services, but we would need to use our county procurement policy and would not be able to use grant funds for these expenses. We will do some checking and discuss this at a future meeting. Information only.

Glen Petersen, Lincoln County Attorney, reviewed some information on when a meeting can be closed. The statute was given to each Board Member and discussed. Information only.

Petersen presented some information on the Housing Trust Fund. Information only.

Committee Reports were given:

Drietz – CPT, SWCD
 Hauswedell – SWHHS,
 Nielsen – Personnel, Lincoln County Enterprise Development
 Sik – HRA, Personnel
 VanDeVere – United Community Action, Solid Waste Recycling Commission, Rural MN Energy Board

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Nielsen seconded by VanDeVere to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #19174 - #19213 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$47,059.90, Road & Bridge - \$29,562.80 and Debt Service - \$16,267.50. All voted in favor.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: Ag Plus Cooperative - \$18,921.79, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP - \$8,847.30, The Computer Man Inc. - \$3,552.00, Decision Points Authors LLC - \$2,600.00, Lozinski Construction Services LLC - \$21,267.50, M-R Sign Co. Inc. - \$5,739.47, Regents of the University of Minnesota - \$21,093.55 and 32 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$10,868.59.

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer, presented Resolution 31-2022. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Sik to approve Resolution No. 31-2022 Appointing Certain Commissioners of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Lincoln County, Minnesota. All voted in favor.

**Resolution No. 31-2022
RESOLUTION APPOINTING CERTAIN COMMISSIONERS
OF THE HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
OF LINCOLN COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Section 462.428, Subdivision 1, authorizes the governing body of a county to appoint Commissioners of a Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Lincoln County, Minnesota:

1. Paul Olson is hereby appointed as a Commissioner of the Lincoln County HRA for a term of office ending July 11, 2027. (at large)
2. Nikki Facile is hereby appointed as a Commissioner of the Lincoln County HRA for a term of office ending July 11, 2023. (District 2)
3. Cindy Winter is hereby appointed as a Commissioner of the Lincoln County HRA for a term of office ending July 11, 2025. (District 4)
2. The Board finds that the terms of office of the other HRA Commissioners are scheduled to end as follows:

John Lichtsinn of Lake Benton From and for County Commissioner District 1	July 11, 2026
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Jennifer Nordmeyer of Lake Benton From and for County Commissioner District 1 Commissioner District with the greatest number of public housing units.	July 11, 2023
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Julie Hogie of Hendricks From and for County Commissioner District 3	July 11, 2027
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Amanda Engels of Minneota From and for County Commissioner District 5.	July 11, 2023
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ATTEST:

Corey Sik, 2022, Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Vierhuf presented Resolution 32-2022. Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Hauswedell to approve Resolution 32-2022 Resolution Recommending the Appointment of Earl De Wilde, Randy Kraus, and Peter Petersen to the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System Board of Commissioners. All voted in favor.

**Resolution No. 32-2022
RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF
EARL DE WILDE, RANDY KRAUS, AND PETER PETERSEN
TO THE
LINCOLN PIPESTONE RURAL WATER SYSTEM
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

WHEREAS, Earl De Wilde’s 4 year term as a Commissioner on the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System (“LPRW”) Board of Commissioners is scheduled to expire at midnight on December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Randy Kraus’ 4 year term as a Commissioner on the LPRW Board of Commissioners is scheduled to expire at midnight on December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Peter Petersen’s 4 year term as a Commissioner on the LPRW Board of Commissioners is scheduled to expire at midnight on December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2022 the LPRW Board of Commissioners adopted a Motion which recommends that Earl De Wilde, Randy Kraus, and Peter Petersen each be re-appointed to another 4-year term on the LPRW Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners believes that Earl De Wilde, Randy Kraus, and Peter Petersen are qualified to act as Commissioners on the Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System Board of Commissioners and are all worthy of appointment.

ATTEST:

Corey Sik, 2022, Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Vierhuf requested approval to add PFM Asset Management LLC to our authorized financial institutions. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Nielsen to approve adding PFM Asset Management LLC (MAGIC) to our financial institutions. All voted in favor.

Vierhuf informed the Board about the following items:

- Check #19099 in the last meetings Commissioner Warrants needed to be changed from Tyler Lumber Company to Tyler Hardware Hank.
- The current Investment Sheet was included in the packets to show how Lincoln County has their money invested.
- Pro-Tec Roofing has been sold but the new company will honor the quote we were given to repair the courthouse and Sheriff’s office roof.

Information only.

Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hauswedell, to adjourn at 11:20 a.m. All voted in favor.

ATTEST:

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Corey Sik, 2022, Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer