

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

October 18, 2022
Courthouse Commissioner Room
Ivanhoe, MN 56142

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Board Vice Chair Dean Nielsen, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners present were Steve Hauswedell, Dean Nielsen, and Mic VanDeVere. Commissioner Sik 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 VanDeVere, seconded by Hauswedell to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the minutes from October 4, 2022, the agenda for October 18, 2022, to appoint Randy Kamrath as the Yellow Medicine River District Manager with the term expiring August 31, 2027, and the Snowmobile Trails FY 2023 Maintenance/Grooming Grant. All (3) voted in favor.

Kristina Richmond, Lincoln County Deputy Auditor-Treasurer, gave information on the Opioid Settlement. Lincoln County will be receiving \$242,420.17 which will be distributed to the county over the next 18 years. Lincoln County will have to do the reporting on the spending of the Opioid Settlement dollars even if we turn those funds over to SWHHS. There have been some discussions with the Drug Task Force on if they or our local law enforcement would be able to utilize these funds. Information only.

Richmond requested approval from the Board to apply for a grant has been made available to Lincoln County through the U.S. Department of the Treasury. The funds are part of the American Rescue Plan. The grant is called the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund. Lincoln County is eligible for the annual minimum of \$50,000.00 to be distributed over two years for a total of \$100,000.00. The funds can be used for any governmental purpose except lobbying activity. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hauswedell to approve applying for the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Grant in the total amount of \$100,000.00 to be received in 2022 and 2023. All (3) voted in favor.

Jean Nelson, Lincoln County Assessor, presented the Lincoln County Property Tax Abatement Policy for approval. The previous policy was passed as a resolution. The policy presented had some statute additions and additional definitions to make the policy more clear. Motion by Hauswedell, seconded by VanDeVere to approve the Lincoln County Property Tax Abatement Policy. All (3) voted in favor.

Bids were opened for the lease of approximately 18 acres of Ag Land located in the SE ¼ of Section 4, Ash Lake Township, Metes & Bounds Described as Lying Southeast of US Highway 75. One Bid was received from Ryder Olsen in the amount of \$1,800.00 per year. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Nielsen to approve awarding the Ag land bid of approximately 18 acres of Ag land located in the SE ¼ of Section 4, Ash Lake Township, Metes & Bounds Described as Lying Southeast of U. S. Highway #75 to Ryder Olsen in the amount of \$1,80.00 per year for the years 2023, 2024, and 2025. All (3) voted in favor.

Dustin Hauschild, Lincoln County Environmental, informed the Board that he will be looking for a new Tyler garbage site caretaker. Information only.

Hauschild informed the Board that there is a MPCA Greater MN Recycling and Composting Grant he is looking into applying for. The grant would be used for establishing a reuse program which would cover improvement at our transfer site. There would be a 25% match from the County. The Board was in consensus with Hauschild proceeding with the grant. A resolution will be brought forward at the next meeting. Information only.

Hauschild informed the Board that the Lyon County Landfill Advisory Meeting will be held on October 19th at noon. Information only

Hauschild informed the Board that the JD 31 Br 24 Final Hearing will be held on October 20th at 9 a.m. in the Lyon County Board Room. Information only.

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

- The 2022 Paving Project is finished. The shoulders are done. Two locations in the pavement should be fixed and striping still needs to be completed.
- Gravel crushing should be complete this week at the Guida pit.

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- Blading is done only where absolutely necessary due to the dry weather.
- The winter sand is ready to go..
- Have been working on the fall mowing. Started mowing in the Tyler area. Moving to the Hendricks area next.
- Once the crops are harvested, we will work on burning off the crop debris in the ditches to prevent culvert plugging.
- Continue to do ditch cleaning and sloping.

- Have a larger safety sloping project coming up on County Highway 18, but some permitting needs to be done and an archeological study will need to be done for work done in areas enrolled in CRP.
- Some culverts need to be done on County Highway 7.
- Rock hauling and filling in some washouts has been completed.

Information only.

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

Discussion was held on an old corn crib that needs to be moved for the widening project. Information only.

Committee Reports were given:

- Drietz – Absent
- Hauswedell – None
- Nielsen – Minnesota Rural Counties, Personnel
- Sik – Personnel
- VanDeVere – Prime West, Transit

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Hauswedell seconded by VanDeVere to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #19261 - #19311 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$119,214.71, Road & Bridge - \$9,466.73, Debt Service - \$3,934.00 and Ditch - \$114,930.60. All voted in favor.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: Advanced First Aid Inc. - \$2,960.00, Byer Wilfred – \$5,117.00, Counties Providing Technology - \$5,514.00, Lincoln Co Editorial Assn. - \$2,338.49, Lincoln Soil-Water Conservation District - \$54,655.00, SeaChange - \$5,891.72, Southwest Health and Human Services - \$23,176.27, TE Underground LLC - \$109,600.00, Victor Construction - \$18,500.00, Ziegler Power Systems (CAT) - \$3,698.84 and 40 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$16,094.72.

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor, requested approval to void check numbers 19192 in the amount of \$5,000.00 and 19213 in the amount of \$16,267.50. The checks were written to the right person but did not have the correct business name and the new business has a different federal id number. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hauswedell to approve voiding check number 19192 in the amount of \$5,000.00 and check number 19213 in the amount of \$16,267.50 and reissue to Maxx Drainage LLC instead of Lozinski Construction Services LLC as an auditor warrant. All (3) voted in favor.

Motion by Hauswedell, seconded by VanDeVere, to adjourn at 10:20 a.m. All (3) voted in favor.

ATTEST: (SEAL)

Corey Sik, 2022, Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer