

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

April 4, 2023
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, Dean Nielsen, Corey Sik, and Mic VanDeVere. 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 Nielsen, seconded by Hauswedell to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the Commissioner meeting minutes from March 21, 2023, and the agenda for April 4, 2023. All (4) voted in favor.

Dustin Hauschild, Lincoln County Environmental Administrator, informed the Board that he has not received the MPCA Greater MN Recycling & Compost Grant agreement yet, but will hopefully bring it for approval at the next meeting. Information only.

Hauschild informed the Board that we may need to close the East driveway at the Tyler rural garbage site until the snow and water subsides. Information only.

Hauschild informed the Board that the Recycling and Solid Waste Contract Expires at the end of 2023. Hauschild will be working on getting some numbers together in the next couple weeks. Hauschild would like to meet with the Solid Waste Committee prior to bringing to the full Board. Information only.

Hauschild informed the Board that increasing the SCORE funding is a Legislative topic. They are hoping to have it included in an Omnibus bill. Information only.

Hauschild presented the Christensen Broadcasting Advertising Agreement for approval. With this agreement, \$4,000.00 is contributed to each of the stations to be used for AIS education. The agreement would be paid out of AIS funds. Hauschild feels this has been very beneficial in getting current lake information out to the public. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Nielsen to enter into the Christensen Broadcasting Advertising Agreement at a total cost of \$12,000.00. All voted in favor.

Hauschild informed the Board that we have been paying for garbage and recycling advertisements on KISD and KLOH. The Board would like to try using this money for more signage and see if there is an improvement on incorrect dumping at the rural dumpster sites. Information only.

Hauschild informed the Board that he is looking at doing a redetermination of ditch benefits on JD #11, CD #49, JD #21, and CD #45. These ditches are located in Hansonville and Marble Township and have not been redetermined since the early 1900's. Hauschild will look at doing a hearing in June. Information only.

Hauschild informed the Board that he has reached out to Area II on the Perch Lake outlet. There could be up to a cost share of 75% on this project pending state legislative funding. Information only.

Hauschild informed the Board that Lake Stay will receive \$10,000.00 in grant funds for noxious weed treatments. Hauschild requested approval for the county lakes to also receive up to \$5,000.00 for noxious weed treatments out of the AIS funds. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hauswedell to approve each of the County Lakes to be eligible for up to \$5,000.00 of AIS funds to be used for noxious weed treatments. All (4) voted in favor.

Hauschild has received the final FEMA maps that will become effective September 7, 2023. The County Ordinance will need to be updated to include any changes from these maps and the GIS system will also need to be updated. Information only.

Hauschild received an inquiry about a short term house rental. Hauschild feels some guidance should be added to our ordinance on short term house rentals and any issues that would arise from that. Information only.

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

- Have advertised for the Seal Coat bids to be opened on May 1st at 2:00 p.m.
- Continue to work on 2023 plans and proposals for county bridges, township bridges, paving, and ADA Pedestrian Ramp.

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- CPR and First aid training will be held this week.
- One of the plow trucks is in Sioux Falls for repair.
- Getting ready to start crack filling. With the snowy weather, we are probably about 5 weeks behind.
- Will be monitoring culverts and roads for flooding.

Information only.

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

Wilson informed the Board that he has updated the requirements for restrictions on automatic versus manual transmission CDL's on the highway maintenance job descriptions. Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Hauswedell to approve the updated job description for the highway maintenance positions to remove the restriction for the automatic transmission CDL. All (4) voted in favor.

Wilson presented quotes for roadside weed spraying. The quotes were as follows:

- Biorational Mosquito & Weed Spraying of MN \$154.67 per mile for Canada Thistle and \$67.30 per acre for Leafy Spurge
- ROW Applicators \$312.98 per mile for Canada Thistle and \$26.08 per acre plus hourly rate \$TBD for Leafy Spurge

Motion by Hauswedell, seconded by Nielsen to approve the roadside weed spraying quote from Biorational Mosquito & Weed Spraying of MN at \$154.67 per mile for Canada Thistle and \$67.30 per acres for Leafy Spurge. All (4) voted in favor.

Jean Nelson, Lincoln County Assessor, requested approval to hire the temporary, part-time, GIS Professional. Expected GIS hours by department was presented. Nelson's recommendation is to hire Brad Leibfried at about 10 hours per week at an amount of \$20,000.00. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Nielsen to approve hiring Brad Leibfried as the temporary, part-time GIS Professional to be a paid \$20,000.00 through December 31, 2023. All (4) voted in favor.

Committee Reports were given:

Drietz – Absent
 Hauswedell – Western Mental Health,
 Nielsen – MN Rural Counties
 Sik – Emergency Communications Board, Explore SW MN,
 VanDeVere – United Community Action Partnership, Southern Prairie, Solid Waste Recycling Comm., Rural MN Energy Board

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hauswedell to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #20431 - #20474 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$28,366.56, Road and Bridge - \$25,535.36 and Solid Waste - \$855.00. All (4) voted in favor.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: The Computer Man Inc. - \$3,705.00, Hancock Concrete Prod. Co. LLC - \$12,168.00, Regents of The University of Minnesota - \$15,736.20, Tyler Oil Co. - \$3,285.42, Vollan Oil - \$3,568.60 and 39 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$16,293.70.

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer, informed the Board that since we have paid PrimeWest, we no longer need to have \$450,000.00 restricted. These funds will become part of reserves. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hauswedell, to approve unrestricting the \$450,000.00 for PrimeWest. All (4) voted in favor.

Vierhuf, presented Resolution 19-2023 for approval. Motion by Hauswedell, seconded by VanDeVere to approve Resolution 19-2023 Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation. All (4) voted in favor.

Resolution No. 19-2023 Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation

Whereas, nationally one in three women and one in four men will experience some form of sexual assault in their lifetime; and

Whereas, Sexual Assault Awareness Month draws attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has implications for every community member; and

Whereas, there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing sexual violence through prevention education, increased awareness, and holding perpetrators who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions; and

Whereas, We must work together to educate our community about what can be done to prevent sexual assault and how to support survivors; and

Whereas, Anyone can be a leader in preventing and ending sexual violence. As employers, educators, parents, and friends, we all have an obligation to uphold the basic principle that every individual should be free from violence and fear; and

Whereas, Our theme for Sexual Assault Awareness Month this year is "The theme of this year's Sexual Assault Awareness Month campaign is "Drawing Connections: Prevention Demands Equity." The campaign calls on all individuals, communities, organizations, and institutions to change the systems

surrounding us to build equity and respect within the community, workplace, and the future our youth hold.

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all residents of Lincoln County, does hereby proclaim the month of **April 2023 and every April from here on**, as

Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Lincoln County, to keep our community members safe from this crime and to stand with survivors and victims of sexual assault.

ATTEST:

Corey Sik, 2023 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Vierhuf presented the Memorandum of Agreement from the Law Enforcement Labor Services Union. Motion by Nielsen, seconded by VanDeVere to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Law Enforcement Labor Services (LELS) Local 485 and Lincoln County that allows all retiring law enforcement employees to receive monies due from the vacation and sick leave severance in the form of cash/check. All (4) voted in favor.

The Board had previously made a motion to change the regular Board Meeting from July 4th to July 6th. Due to a conflict, the Board would like to move the meeting to July 5th. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Hauswedell to approve moving the July 4th Commissioner Meeting to Wednesday, July 5th. All (4) voted in favor.

Motion by Hauswedell, seconded by VanDeVere, to adjourn at 9:53 a.m. All (4) voted in favor.

ATTEST:

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Corey Sik, 2023 Board Chair

Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer