

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES**

February 21, 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 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 Commissioner meeting minutes from February 7, 2023, and the agenda for February 21, 2023. All voted in favor.

Jason Amberg, WSB Director of Landscape Architecture, reviewed the draft of the scope of consulting work for the Hole in the Mountain Regional Park Legacy Project. The proposal covers the project management, environmental desktop review, electrical design, geotechnical, design, bidding, construction administration, and material testing. The environmental desktop review is evaluating data to determine if there is any issues with threatened species. Wetlands also needs to be looked at. The electrical design is for the design of the lighting on the sledding hill and the whole project. Geotechnical would involve soil borings. The design includes the layout of everything including the sledding hill and hiking trails. The bidding services focuses on soliciting bids from contractors. The construction administration would not include full-time inspections or contractors payroll certification. The material testing would cover concrete cylinder testing. Amberg stated that the proposal can be decreased or expanded to meet Lincoln County's needs. The current total fee amount is \$145,684.00. This proposal goes beyond the amount that is included in the grant. Some additional information will be provided at the next meeting to show what was budgeted compared to the proposal amounts. Information only.

Vince Robinson, DSI president, presented the Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program. This grant covers the labor of removing noxious weeds. Round 4 deadline for this grant is March 13, 2023. Robinson feels it is getting too late for this deadline. The next deadline would be May 8, 2023 if there are still funds available. If funds have been depleted, we would have to wait until additional funds are made available. The focus would be to remove the Buckthorn in a given area at Hole in the Mountain Park. The Commissioners are interested in pursuing this grant. Robinson will look into rotational grazing with goats. Robinson will research the grant further and bring additional information back to a future meeting. Information only.

Robinson informed the Board that we need to appoint a member to the LCEDC board and that Matt Schreurs is interested in filling this seat. Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Hauswedell to approve Matt Schreurs to be seated as a LCEDC at-large board member for an unexpired term that will run through April of 2024. All voted in favor.

Dustin Hauschild, Lincoln County Environmental Administrator, informed the Board that the repairs on the backhoe and skid steer are complete. Information only.

Hauschild informed the Board that we have been having issues with mattresses being left at the rural garbage/recycle sites. Mattresses can be taken to the County transfer facility for \$10 each and can be recycled. Once they are left at a dumpster, they are typically too dirty to recycle. Mattresses that can't be recycled get sent to the landfill which currently costs the County \$60.00 each. If the person is identified on the security cameras leaving a mattress at the rural dumpsters, they will be billed twice the amount of what it costs the county to dispose of it at the landfill for a total of \$120. There is a \$50 pickup fee in addition to that fee, so it could cost that individual \$170.00. Information only.  
Hauschild undated the Board on the Shaokatan Lake Outlet Structure. If the outlet is moved to a new location, the cost could be as high as \$300,000.00. Hauschild recommends moving ahead with the work on the outlet at the current location. The Board was in consensus with leaving the outlet at the current location. Information only.

Hauschild informed the Board that the Ag Inspector Funding bill has been introduced. If approved, \$10,000.00 in funding would be provided for the Ag Inspector requirements. Information only.

Hauschild presented the 2022 Drainage Systems Report. Color maps have been added to make it easier to identify where the ditches are located. Information only.

Hauschild presented a report that shows when the ditch redeterminations were completed. Many of the ditches were redetermined prior to 1987 and only capture 50% of the benefitted individuals. Hauschild will continue to work on redeterminations. Information only.

Hauschild presented Resolution 13-2023 Authorizing Assessment and Term of Benefits for CD #14. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Drietz to approve Resolution 13-2023 Authorizing Assessment and Term of Benefits for CD #14. All voted in favor.

**STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regarding the assessment of benefits for the Redetermination of Lincoln County Ditch No. 14, as ordered by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners acting as the Ditch Authority for County Ditch No. 14

**Resolution # 13-2023** Authorizing the Assessment of Benefits and Establishing the Term of Assessment

At the Regular Meeting of the Lincoln County, Minnesota Board of Commissioners on February 21, 2023, Commissioner VanDeVere moved, seconded by Commissioner Drietz adoption of the following Resolution.

Whereas, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners acting as the Ditch Authority for County Ditch No.14 recently completed proceedings for the Redetermination of Benefits of County Ditch No. 14; and

Whereas, the State's Drainage Code, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103E, places certain obligations on Lincoln County related to the fiscal administration of the drainage system, including the assessment of benefits for redetermination; and

Whereas, final costs of the proceedings are now known, individual property assessments have been calculated, administrative costs, and a reasonable term of assessment has been determined; and

Whereas, the County Auditor requires record of the County Board's action regarding the assessment of benefits for the redetermination.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that:

1. The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to its authority and obligations under Statutes Chapter 103E, authorizes and directs the assessment of benefits upon real property identified in the Viewer's Report adopted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners acting as the Ditch Authority for County Ditch No.14 in the proceedings for Redetermination of Benefits of County Ditch No.14.
2. The assessments shall be extended to real property according to the spreadsheet attached as Exhibit A, to be collected in a one-year assessment payable in 2023.

After discussion and upon a vote the Board Chair declared the Resolution adopted by vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays.

ATTEST:

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Corey Sik, 2022, Board Chair

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Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Hauschild presented the Lake Stay Treatment Lake Management Agreement. The agreement is with PLM Lake and Land Management Group and includes Curly Leaf Pondweed treatment at Lake Stay for the year of 2023. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hauswedell to approve the PLM Lake and Land Management Group Agreement for the Curly Leaf Pondweed treatment at Lake Stay for the year of 2023 and authorize the Environmental Administrator to enter into that agreement. All voted in favor.

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

- Continue to work on plans and proposals for county bridges, township bridges, paving, ADA Pedestrian Ramp, and seal coat projects.
- Bridge safety inspections are completed.

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- Finished preventative maintenance on the dozer, scraper, backhoe and loaders.
- Busy with ice and snow removal.
- The new snowplow truck should be arriving soon.
- Looking at budgeted equipment purchases for 2023 and will bring to the Board at a future meeting.
- The pick-up order from 2021 will need to be re-ordered as the dealership no longer shows the order.
- Winter bridge maintenance will be done as time allows.

Information only.

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

Wilson presented Resolution 14-2023 for the completion of project 041-607-045 CSAH 7 Shoulder Widening Project. Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Hauswedell to approve Resolution 14-2023 for the completion of project 041-607-045 CSAH 7 Shoulder Widening Project. All voted in favor.

**RESOLUTION  
14 - 2023**

WHEREAS, the construction of Project 041-607-045 (CSAH 7 Shoulder Widening) has in all things been completed by R&G Construction, the final contract costs are as follows:

Original Contract Amount	\$	920,945.22
Contract Changes	\$	(12,532.00)
Revised Contract Amount	\$	908,413.22
Final Contract Amount	\$	864,505.01
Final Payment Amount	\$	49,188.53

NOW THEN, BE IT RESOLVED that we do hereby accept said completed project for and in behalf of the County of Lincoln and authorize final payment as specified above.

ADOPTED by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners this 21<sup>ST</sup> day of February, 2023.

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Corey Sik, 2022, Board Chair

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Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer

Committee Reports were given:

- Drietz – CPT
- Hauswedell – SWHHS
- Nielsen – Personnel
- Sik – Personnel, Plum Creek
- VanDeVere – Southwest Regional Development, Community Awareness put on by the pipeline companies

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by Drietz seconded by Nielsen to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #20162 - #20204 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$27,963.13, Road and Bridge - \$28,442.52, and Ditch - \$18,304.59. All voted in favor.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: Black Strap Inc. - \$8,181.60, Counties Providing Technology - \$5,652.00, Randall D. Dombek - \$8,042.50, Lyon Co. Auditor-Treasurer - \$18,304.59, Southwest Health and Human Services - \$5,287.50, Tyler Body Shop LLC - \$4,891.50, Ziegler Power Systems (CAT) - \$6,653.53 and 36 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$17,697.02.

Deb Vierhuf, Lincoln County Auditor-Treasurer, requested approval to dispose of the 1988 Park Truck to a salvage company. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Drietz to approve disposal of the 1988 Park Truck for \$300.00. All voted in favor.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Hauswedell, to adjourn at 10:02 a.m. All voted in favor.

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Corey Sik, 2022, Board Chair

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Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer