

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES**

January 17, 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 Deputy Auditor-Treasurer, Kristina Richmond and Lincoln County Attorney, Glen Petersen. No conflicts of interest were noted.

Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Drietz to approve the consent agenda which included approval of the CD #14 minutes from December 20, 2022, Commissioner meeting minutes from January 3, 2023, the agenda for January 17, 2023 and the Marble Store 3.2 Beer, Strong Beer and Wine License. All voted in favor.

Dustin Hauschild, Lincoln County Environmental, informed the board that although we were not selected for the Greater Minnesota Recycling and Composting Grant, there are funds available for Lincoln County. We can get up to \$80,000.00 but the project would need to be completed by the end of June. Hauschild has talked to some contractors in the area to see if it is feasible and he feels it is worth pursuing. Hauschild informed MPCA last Friday that we would move forward with getting these grant dollars. Hauschild feels the funds would at least cover the building and concrete portion of the project that was planned for previously with the staff hours being dropped off of the project. Information only.

Hauschild reported on other issues at the Rural Garbage sites. They were as follows:

- Snow removal costs are starting to add up. The trucks are having a hard time getting to the dumpsters. Trying to move the snow back as good as possible.
- The skid steer has been blowing fuses. Has discussed the issue with the Titan maintenance staff. We will be bringing it in to be repaired.
- The Backhoe needs the hydraulic cylinders repaired.

Information only.

Hauschild informed the Board that he had budgeted \$30,000.00 for the MPCA Feedlot Grant for the required match. The match was emailed in 2023 and it has increased to \$32,359.68. The Grant dollars to be received has increased as well. Information only.

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

- Continue to prepare plans for township bridges. Out of the 6 bridges, 3 were approved and the other 3 are waiting for MnDOT state aid approval.
- Preparing plans for county bridges, paving, ADA Pedestrian Ramp, and seal coat projects.

Wilson presented maintenance updates. They were as follows:

- Have gotten the snow blower and skid steer out to move back the snow banks.
- Have done some work at the old Ivanhoe shop.
- Repairs on equipment

Information only.

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

Lincoln County obtained some property when we rebuilt County Road 14. A Lincoln County resident has inquired about purchasing this piece of land. We would still have some right of way on the land. A survey will need to be done to give that piece a parcel number prior to getting bids for the property. The interested resident would pay for the survey. It is approximately 1 – 2 acres. The county would like to put some stipulations on the property that an approach could not be added on that property. Motion by Nielsen, seconded by Drietz to move forward with the survey for the Lincoln County property located by County Road 14 and to authorize advertising for sealed bids to sell said property. All voted in favor.

Committee Reports were given:

Drietz – RCRC and Area II  
Hauswedell – None  
Nielsen – MN Rural Counties, Personnel, Lincoln County Enterprise Dev.  
Sik – Personnel  
VanDeVere – SW Regional Dev., United Community Action

Auditor Warrants were presented.

Motion by VanDeVere seconded by Hauswedell to approve the following Commissioner Warrants #19896 - #19953 for the following amounts: Revenue - \$166,785.05, Road and Bridge - \$53,083.92, Debt Service - \$19,256.20, Ditch - \$54,616.63 and Agency - \$150.00. All voted in favor.

The following bills were over \$2,000.00 per M.S. 375.12: Ag Plus Cooperative - \$18,827.97, Ronald Anderson - \$50,324.80, Counties Providing Technology - \$5,652.00, Double D Gravel Inc. - \$19,256.20, Lincoln Soil-Water Conservation. Dist. - \$46,865.00, Midstates Equip & Supply - \$16,513.20, MN Counties Intergovernmental Trust-St. Paul - \$97,898.00, MN Sheriffs' Assn - \$3,952.31, Reedsburg Hdwe Co - \$2,644.20, Tyler Oil Co. - \$2,092.70, Ziegler Power Systems (CAT) - \$5,541.54 and 48 payments less than \$2,000.00 - \$24,323.88.

Kristina Richmond, Deputy Auditor-Treasurer, informed the Board that the mileage rate given at the last meeting was for 2022. The 2023 mileage rate is \$.655 per mile. Motion by VanDeVere, seconded by Drietz to acknowledge the correction of the IRS mileage rate to be \$.655 per mile for 2023. All voted in favor.

Glen Petersen, Lincoln County Attorney, informed the Board that the Mylar Survey that was submitted for approval needs a small correction done prior to approval. This will be brought back for approval at the next meeting. Information only.

Motion by Drietz, seconded by Nielsen to approve closing the meeting to discuss pending litigation. All voted in favor.

Discussion was held with no decisions made.

Motion by Hauswedell, seconded by VanDeVere to approve opening the meeting. All voted in favor.

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

ATTEST: (SEAL)

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Corey Sik, 2022, Board Chair

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Deb Vierhuf, County Auditor-Treasurer