

## Lincoln County Board of Supervisors

Meeting: September 20, 2022

The Lincoln County Board of Supervisors met at the Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N Sales Street, Room 257, Merrill, WI in session assembled pursuant to law.

1. Chair Friske called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of allegiance followed.
3. Clerk Marlowe called Roll - Members Present: Allen, Anderson-Malm, Ashbeck, Bialecki, Boyd, Brixius, Callahan, Cummings, DePasse, Detert, Friske, Hafeman, Hartwig, Lemke, Loka, McCrank, Osness, Rusch, Simon, Thiel, and Wickham (21). Absent: Peterson (1)
4. Announcements/Recognitions/Awards/Appointments
  - A. None
  - B. Service Recognitions – August:  
20 Years: Christine Turner-Meilahn, Sheriff’s Department
  - C. Appointments & Re-Appointments
    1. Appoint September Murphy to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) (Indefinite Term) M/S Bialecki/McCrank to appoint September Murphy to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) (Indefinite Term). Motion carried by a voice vote.
5. Approval of Journal – August 16, 2022: M/S DePasse/Cummings to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.
7. Letters, Petitions and Memorials - Chair Friske moved to item 7 before addressing item 6
  - A. Letters – None
  - B. Memorials – None
6. Public Comment – Chair Friske explained that our county ordinance allows each person 5 minutes to speak. Friske stated that he would allow 1 hour for public comment and that we will get to as many people as we can in that time. 23 people spoke in a little over one hour.
8. Reports of Standing & Special Committees:
  - A. Finance Committee: 2021 Financial Statements and Governance Communication Letter – Clifton Larson Allen, LLP (John Troutman). Troutman reviewed the 2021 Lincoln County Financial Audit pointing out areas the board and public can focus on if trying to decipher the report. There were no questions from the floor.
  - B. Finance Committee: 2022 Year-to-date Budget Report – Finance Director (Dan Leydet) Leydet gave his report on the 2022 Year-to-date Budget. There were no questions.
  - C. Finance Committee: 2023 Budget Review – Finance Chair (Julie DePasse) Prior to Supervisor DePasse’s report, Chair Friske explained where we are currently at in the 2023 budget process and that supervisors may offer written balanced Preliminary Budget Amendments to the Finance Committee or full board where they can be voted on. He then took questions from the floor. DePasse thoroughly explained and reviewed the current proposed 2023 Budget while highlighting some of the changes that we are seeing. DePasse answered questions during and after her report.
9. Resolutions and Ordinances

## A. 1) Resolution 2022-09-28

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (WDNR) CLEAN BOATS, CLEAN WATERS (CBCW) GRANT  
 WHEREAS, Lincoln County has over 720 lakes, over 650 miles of rivers and streams, and contains one of the highest concentrations of natural lakes in the world; and  
 WHEREAS, the quality of these waters are being threatened by aquatic invasive species; and  
 WHEREAS, Lincoln County recognizes the importance of the quality of our waters to its citizens and local economies; and  
 WHEREAS, education is one of the keys to increasing public awareness as to the adverse impacts of aquatic invasive species on the quality of our waters and our local economies; and  
 WHEREAS, Lincoln County recognizes the need for a workable plan that will prevent the introduction of aquatic invasive species already present in some bodies of water; and  
 WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Land Services Department (LSD) will continue to increase public awareness of the aquatic invasive species problem by implementing planning and prevention activities to prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species; and

WHEREAS, 75% of the cost of such planning and prevention activates may be paid by a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR); and

WHEREAS, the LSD must apply to the WDNR for the purpose of a “Clean Boats, Clean Waters” grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the LSD will meet the financial obligations necessary to fully and satisfactorily complete the project and hereby authorizes and empowers the Land Services Administrator to submit the following documents to the WDNR for financial assistance that may be available: sign and submit a grant application, enter into a grant agreement with the WDNR, submit quarterly and/or final reports to the WDNR to satisfy the grant agreement as appropriate, submit reimbursement request(s) to the WDNR no later than the date specified in the grant agreement, and sign and submit necessary supporting documentation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Land Services Administrator shall sign the grant application and any grant contracts as Lincoln County’s designated agent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the LSD will comply with all local, state, and federal regulations and ordinances relating to this project and grant agreement.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022

Authored by: Elizabeth McCrank

Co-Sponsored by: Bill Bialecki

Committee: Land Services

Committee Vote: 7-0

Date Passed: August 11, 2022

Fiscal Impact: None

M/S McCrank/Loka to adopt Resolution 2022-09-28. Supervisor McCrank along with Thomas Boisvert, Conservation Program Manger reviewed the resolution and answered questions. Motion carried by a voice vote.

#### 2) Resolution 2022-09-29

Resolution to evaluate Lincoln County's current election equipment reliability and to research current state certified equipment and provide a report of findings to the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors.

WHEREAS, the American Disability Act mandates that municipalities provide appropriate voting equipment to meet the needs of their disabled or physically impaired voters; and

WHEREAS, our current ADA compatible voting equipment, the ES&S Auto Mark, was purchased in 2006 and uses Windows 2007 which will no longer be supported by Microsoft, will reach its usability shelf life in the next couple years; and

WHEREAS, voting equipment county wide is reaching its shelf life and the fact that our municipalities are federally mandated to provide it; and

WHEREAS, our optical ballot scanners, the ES&S DS200s which were purchased in 2009, may also be reaching their shelf life in the not so distant future; and

WHEREAS, our election integrity and countywide election efficiency relies on equipment continuity from municipality to municipality; and

WHEREAS, it is assumed that the County Clerk, as our Chief Election Official, would coordinate an effort to explore the counties options going forward.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors directs the County Clerk to put together a team of municipal clerks and election inspectors to evaluate our current election equipment, to research current state certified equipment, and to provide a report and recommendations based on their findings to the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors. The initial report shall be presented no later than the regularly scheduled April 2023 meeting of the Administrative and Legislative committee for consideration and recommendations to the county board. Expenses for and staffing of this review shall be expensed from the County Clerk's office and budget.

Dated: September 20, 2022

Authored by: Supervisor Friske (District 9)

Co-Sponsored by: Supervisor Boyd (District 11)

Committee: Administrative and Legislative

Committee Vote: 7-0

Date Passed: September 7, 2022

Fiscal Impact: None

M/S Boyd/Brixius to adopt Resolution 2022-09-29. County Clerk Marlowe explained the resolution and answered questions. Motion carried by a voice vote.

#### 3) Resolution 2022-09-30

LUMBERJACK RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (RC&D) GRANT

WHEREAS, Lincoln County owns over 100,000 acres of County Forest Land distributed throughout Lincoln County; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County recognizes that the quality of these public woodlands is important to its citizens and local economies; and

WHEREAS, the quality of these woodlands is being threatened by Garlic Mustard and other non-native invasive species; and

WHEREAS, Garlic Mustard and other non-native invasive species must be treated to maintain the quality of Lincoln County Forest Land; and

WHEREAS, Garlic Mustard has been treated on Lincoln County Forest Land since 2007 with new sites or expanded areas found each year; and

WHEREAS, previous WDNR grant programs allowing for Garlic Mustard treatment have lessened; and

WHEREAS, a portion of Garlic Mustard treatment costs may be paid through a Lumberjack RC&D Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Forestry Department desires to submit a grant application to Lumberjack RC&D for Garlic Mustard control.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Forestry Department will meet the financial obligations necessary to fully and satisfactorily complete the project and hereby authorizes and empowers the Forestry Administrator to submit the following documents to Lumberjack RC&D for financial assistance that may be available: sign and submit a grant application, enter into a grant agreement with Lumberjack RC&D, submit partial and/or final reports as necessary, submit reimbursement request(s) no later than the date specified in the grant agreement, and sign and submit necessary supporting documentation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forestry Administrator shall sign the grant application and any grant contracts as Lincoln County's designated agent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lincoln County Forestry Department will comply with all local, state, and federal regulations and ordinances relating to this project and grant agreement.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022

Authored by: William Bialecki

Co-Sponsored by: Greg Hartwig

Committee: Forestry, Land and Parks

Committee Vote: All Ayes

Date Passed: September 12, 2022

Fiscal Impact: Unknown (\$10,000.00 maximum, 50/50 grant)

M/S Bialecki/Loka to adopt Resolution 2022-09-30. Supervisor Bialecki along with Forestry Administrator Dean Bowe explained the resolution and answered questions. Discussion followed. Motion carried by a voice vote.

3) Resolution 2022-09-31

Resolution Accepting \$3,040 from Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital

WHEREAS, the Healthy Minds for Lincoln County, brings the community together to empower people through education and resources to support healthy choices regarding substances and social and emotional well-being.; and

WHEREAS, the Healthy Minds for Lincoln County is currently co-chaired by Debbie Moellendorf, UW-Madison Division of Extension and Kristin Bath, Health Department; and

WHEREAS, the Healthy Minds Coalition is combining the Small Talks campaign developed by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, along with a local social norms message and promotion of the Parent Pact as a way to provide parents, caregivers and other adults with resources for talking with youth about the risks associated with alcohol and other substances; and

WHEREAS, a donation of \$3,040 from Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital has been received towards expanding this campaign to the Tomahawk area; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors accepts and expresses gratitude for the \$3,040 donation from Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital on behalf of the Healthy Minds for Lincoln County who is responsible for implementing this project.

Dated: September 20, 2022

Authored by: Don Friske

Co-Sponsored by: Greg Hartwig

Committee: Administrative & Legislative

Committee Vote: 7-0

Date Passed: September 7, 2022

Fiscal Impact: Received \$3,040 in funds towards the implementation of the projects identified above.

M/S Brixius/Ashbeck to adopt Resolution 2022-09-31. Motion carried by a voice vote.

B. 1) Ordinance 2022-09-727

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GENERAL CODE OF THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN – CHAPTER 17, 17.2.03, ZONING ORDINANCE AS A RESULT OF A REZONING PETITION BY PEGGY BROWN FOR PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF SCHLEY.

WHEREAS, The County Board of Supervisors of Lincoln County, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain: Chapter 17.2.03, Lincoln County Code, is amended to rezone tax parcel pin# 02232073649999 from Agricultural (A) to Rural Lands (RL4). The parcel size is approximately 40 acres and is located at N2681 and N2699 County Road G in Section 36, T32N-R7E, in the Town of Schley.

Any areas designated as Wetlands on the Wisconsin Wetland Inventory Map will not be rezoned to upland. This ordinance shall take effect following its passage and posting.

Dated: 9/20/22

Authored by: Marty Lemke

Co-Sponsored by: William Bialecki

Committee: Land Services Committee

Committee Vote: 6-0

Date Passed: 8/11/2022

Fiscal Impact: None

M/S Cummings/Rusch to adopt Ordinance 2022-09-727. Supervisor Lemke explained the rezone request. Motion carried by a voice vote.

2) Ordinance 2022-09-728

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GENERAL CODE OF THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN CHAPTER 21 –RELATING TO SHORELAND ZONING (FENCES/BRIDGES/VIEW AND ACCESS CORRIDORS) ARE PROPOSED TO BE AMENDED. SPECIFICALLY IN RESPONSE TO, SENATE BILL 387-WI ACT 105 & SENATE BILL 867- WI ACT 200 ADJUSTMENT.

The County Board of Supervisors of Lincoln County, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain that Chapter 21 be amended as indicated in the attachment.

This ordinance shall take effect following its passage and posting.

Dated: 9/20/22

Authored by: William Bialecki

Co-Sponsored by: Greta Rusch

Committee: Land Services Committee

Committee Vote: 6-0

Date Passed: 8/11/22

Fiscal Impact: None

M/S Simon/Hartwig to adopt Ordinance 2022-09-728. Supervisor McCrank explained that this is an effort by the Land Services Committee to make sure that our ordinances are consistent with state law. She explained that this will be an ongoing project by the committee. Motion carried by a voice vote.

10. Report of Claims - None.

11. M/S Bialecki/Loka to approve the mileage and per diem for this meeting. Motion carried by a voice vote.

12. Next County Board Meeting: Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., at the Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N Sales Street, Room 257, Merrill, WI 54452

13. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

STATE OF WISCONSIN)  
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COUNTY OF LINCOLN)

I, Christopher J Marlowe, County Clerk in and for said Lincoln County, Wisconsin do hereby certify the within and foregoing is a true and accurate recital of all proceedings by and before the Board of Supervisors at their regular meeting, September 20, 2022

Christopher J Marlowe, County Clerk