

Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County  
Agenda for October 30, 2017

8:00 Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

8:45 Chris Monks, County Shop Foreman and District 1 Road Foreman, to discuss road issues with respect to the Rush Creek II Wind Farm

9:00 Troy McCue, Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation Executive Director to present the LCEDC monthly report

1. Approve the minutes from the October 18, 2017, meeting
2. Review the monthly management report from the First National Bank of Omaha
3. Old business
4. New business
5. Approve payroll and expense vouchers

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners met at 8:00 a.m. on October 30, 2017. The following attended: Chairman Doug Stone, Commissioners Ed Schiffers and Steve Burgess, County Administrator Gary Ensign, Administrative Assistant Jacob Piper, and Clerk to the Board Corinne M. Lengel.

Chairman Stone called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Burgess made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on October 18, 2017, as submitted. Mr. Schiffers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the monthly management report from the First National Bank of Omaha. There was no old or new business to discuss, so the commissioners approved the October 2017 payroll and began working on expense vouchers.

At 8:40 a.m., County Shop and District 1 Road Foreman Chris Monks met with the Board to discuss road issues with respect to the Rush Creek II Wind project. Mr. Ensign had received an email between Gerald J. Kelly with Xcel Energy and County Attorney Stan Kimble regarding an amendment to the Road Use Agreement. Mr. Kelly responded that they had been in discussion with Vestas about the safest way for the company to deliver turbine parts. Their planned delivery route for all components would be east on County Road 2W from Hugo to the project site. They also requested that they be allowed to route empty trucks north on County Hwy 63 from 2W to I-70, which would eliminate (except for a short stretch on 2W between Hwy 63 and CR 45) empty and loaded trucks passing each other on 2W. They felt the project could manage the short section of 2W from Hwy 63 to CR 45 to eliminate passing, which could easily be done via radio communications. According to Mr. Kelly, the Vestas trucks would all be legal weight and length. He asked Mr. Kimble to have the commissioners consider the Vestas request so it could be written into the RUA. A later email from Mr. Kelly provided additional information on the Vestas planned deliveries of components. Towers (3 trucks) and blades (also 3 trucks) would begin delivering to the Rush Creek II site the week of February 12, 2018, and would end the week of April 2, 2018. Their plan was to deliver three sets of trucks per day (a total of 18 trucks per day) Monday through Friday. Saturday would be a make-up day, if needed. Blades come from Windsor, and the haul route would most likely be State Road 71 to Limon, then down through Hugo to 2W. Tower sections come from Pueblo and would be delivered going east out of Pueblo to Hwy 287 up to 2W. Nacelle and hub deliveries would begin the week of June 4, 2018, and run through the week of July 23, 2018. Three nacelles and three hubs would be delivered per day, Monday through Friday, with Saturday as a make-up day. Nacelles and hubs will come from a temporary storage yard in Elbert County and would travel up through Limon to Hugo and to County Road 2W. Lastly, Mr. Kelly said there are other miscellaneous connex deliveries scheduled to the project site, but he did not have specific details on those; however, Vestas had not asked for Hwy 63 north of 2W to deliver or return them.

After some discussion, Mr. Monks said it was strictly up to Mr. Schiffers if they allowed the proposed routes, but he felt there would be conflict up north, particularly during the June 4 through July 23 dates, which is normally harvest time. Mr. Schiffers agreed, and Mr. Monks

said it would be easier on all parties, even Vestas, if they were made to go south instead even though it would add a few more miles for them. Mr. Ensign will let Mr. Kimble know that they do not approve of the requested routes from Vestas.

At 9:00 a.m., Lincoln County Economic Development Executive Director Troy McCue met with the Board to give his monthly report. He introduced SBDC Consultant Raejean Palko, who was approved by the EDC board on October 18. She will put in twenty hours per week, and Mr. McCue felt they would now have adequate follow-up to make sure those projects are pushed forward. Mr. McCue provided the remainder of his report and then stated that recent communication attempts to Sustrichs at Rocky Mountain Crane Services have gone unanswered. The commissioners agreed that there were problems, since part of the agreement had been the company's annexation into the town of Genoa. They also agreed it would probably be a good idea to push for a permit from the county. Mr. Ensign said that Mr. Kimble is working on it.

The commissioners approved the remaining expense vouchers and then, with no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. on October 31, 2017.

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Corinne M. Lengel, Clerk to the Board

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Doug Stone, Chairman