

Public Notice

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NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

For the Improvement of Judicial Ditch 31 Lyon and Lincoln Branch 24 (JD31 L&L Branch 24)

Notice is hereby given that the final hearing on the pending petition for improvement of JD 31 L&L Branch 24 hereby set as follows:

Thursday October 20, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., in the Commissioner Room at the Lyon County Government Center, 607 West Main Street in Marshall, MN.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider the petition for improvement, the engineer's report for the improvement, the viewers' reports for the improvement and to determine any separable maintenance.

The following owners of property, governmental entities and railroads, are affected by the improvement petition on JD 31 L&L Branch 24:

Alan and Daniel Benz and Sheila Dise, Paul Enemark Life Estate, Mark Enemark and Sandy Enemark, Dennis and Jenanne Blomgren RL, Joan Derynck, Scott and Rhonda Johnson, Driscoll Land and Equip LLC, Aaron and Kristina Swanson, Wayne and Barbara Anderson Trust, Rolana Schmidt, Leslie and Jane Johnson, Rollin and Lois Bedow Trust, Robert and Barbara Bornhoft, Steven and Angela Lovre, Kent and Steven Moberg, Criss Newton/Dana and Rebecca Newton Trust, Noreen and Kenneth Grunig, John and Bonita Kane, Daniel and Julie Bedow, Derek Wooge, Victor Polle, Kay Wooge, Michael and Kay Wooge, Clifford and Betty O'Toole, Patrick and Brenda O'Toole, Rapid City Pierre, and Eastern Railroad, Burlington Northern Railroad, State of Minnesota State Hwy 23, Lyon County CSAH 16 and CSAH 13, Co Hwy 51, Coon Creek Township, and Shelburne Township.

The course of the proposed improvement of JD 31 L&L Branch 24:

The area petitioned for the Improvement of JD 31 L&L Branch 24 lies within and provides drainage to land located in Lincoln County MN. Specifically, Section 36 of Marshfield Township. The existing JD 31 L&L Branch 24 consists of 1.2 miles of total length. The outlet for JD 31 L&L Branch 24 is into an existing portion of JD 31 L&L Branch 24 in Section 36 of Marshfield Township. The proposed improvement is to replace Branch 24 to provide efficient drainage within the watershed.

The engineer has submitted and filed a final detailed survey report to the drainage authority. The property owner's report and the viewers' report for the improvement have been submitted and filed and the petition is pending. The drainage authority will hear a detailed survey report prepared by the engineer discussing the improvement and separable maintenance. The viewers' report for the improvement will also be heard.

If you need further information regarding this hearing, please contact Lyon County Ditch Inspector John Biren at (507) 532-8207, extension 3.

Aurora Heald
Lyon County Auditor Treasurer

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LYON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Tuesday, September 20, 2022

A Summary of the Proceedings of the Lyon County Board

9:00 a.m. pursuant to notice the Lyon County Commissioners met with the following members present: Commissioners Crowley, Sanow, Graupmann, Anderson and Ritter. Also present: Administrator Stomberg and County Attorney Maes.

- MSP to approve the agenda.
- MSP to approve the consent agenda.
- MSP to approve the Yellow Medicine County Solid Waste Agreement as presented.
- MSP to approve up to \$65,000 for North Ambulance out of the ARPA funds.

- MSP to approve the Sheriff's Department to participate in the MN First Responder AED project.
- MSP to purchase backup batteries for Marshall, Cottonwood and Balaton for a total of \$6,348.
- MSP to approve the Simulcast Paging System for Lyon County for a total of \$265,869.58.
- MSP to approve the \$20,000 of Riparian Aid to include previous commitments and projects through 2023 for alternative tile intakes.
- MSP to approve the hire of Stacy Kampsen as Dispatcher with a starting hourly rate of \$21.02 and start date of October 7.
- MSP to advertise the HR Director position internally and externally.
- MSP to set the preliminary property tax levy for taxes payable in 2023 at 4.305% increase for a gross levy of \$16,178,894.
- MSP to adjourn at 10:32 a.m.

A copy of these proceedings are available in the County Administrator Office of Lyon County and also available at www.lyonco.org.

SWWC RECEIVES IMPACT GRANT

THE SWWC FOUNDATION FOR INNOVATION IN EDUCATION has been awarded a community impact grant from the United Way of Southwest Minnesota (UWSWMN) in the amount of \$4,000 to invest in the SWWC Service Cooperative's Student Enrichment Programs. Their programs are offered to assist K-12 students in finding their passion in life by providing high-quality enrichment opportunities. The community impact grant process involves local volunteers who help review funding requests and collaborate to make funding recommendations to our board of directors. For the 2022-23 funding cycle, a total of \$212,822 has been awarded to programs working to improve the lives of local people. Pictured are Shelly Maes (left) and Eriann Faris. Submitted photo



Farmers can't load hay on a state highway

Question: Is it legal for farmers to load hay on a state highway? Our neighbor bales several miles of state highway ditches. To load the round bales he drives down the highway with a pickup and bale wagon. His son is in the ditch with a tractor and loader. The son gets a bale on the loader and driving perpendicular to the road drives up the ditch and puts the bale on the bale wagon. The son with the loader stops with his front wheels on the shoulder of the road and puts the bale on the trailer. The bale wagon is stopped on the state highway in the lane of traffic so the bale can be loaded. Is this legal?

Answer: This would not be safe or legal. The loading would need to take place off the highway. With harvest

season upon us, this is a great time for everyone to remember when sharing the road:

What drivers should know about farm vehicles on the road:

- Farm equipment is large and heavy, making it hard for operators to accelerate, slow down and stop.
- The equipment makes wide turns and sometimes crosses over the center line.
- Farm vehicles can create large blind spots, making it difficult for operators to see approaching vehicles.

Safety guidance for motorists:

- Pay attention at all times when driving.
- Watch for debris dropped by trucks. It is safer to brake

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Sgt. Troy Christianson
MN State Trooper



or slowly drive through debris than to veer into oncoming cars or off the road.

- When approaching farm equipment, slow down and use caution. Put additional space between your vehicle and the farm equipment ahead. Don't assume the equipment operator can see you.

- Be patient and wait for a safe place to pass.
- Wear seatbelts.
- Drive with headlights on.

Safety guidance for farm equipment operators:

- Use lights and flashers to make equipment more visible.
- Use slow-moving vehicle emblems on equipment traveling less than 30 mph.
- Drive slow-moving vehicles in the right-hand lane as close to the edge of the roadway as possible.
- Consider using an escort vehicle when moving equipment, especially at night and if the equipment is large enough that it may extend across the center line.
- Avoid encouraging or signaling motorists to pass. Pull over when safe, and let traffic pass.
- Pick up any debris left on the highway by the equipment or contact MnDOT to remove it.

Funds available to update livestock operations

Minnesota livestock farmers and ranchers seeking to improve their operation are encouraged to apply for the Agricultural Growth, Research, and Innovation (AGRI) Livestock Investment Grant program. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) anticipates awarding approximately \$1.3 million using a competitive review process.

Applications for the grant will be accepted until 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2022. A second round will open only if the MDA does not receive enough quality applications in this first round. The MDA will issue a second RFP if there are any remain-

ing funds by spring 2023. Unsuccessful applicants for this round will be able to reapply if a second round is offered.

All principal operators of livestock farms in Minnesota are invited to apply, including those who have received grants in the past. Only one application will be accepted per farm. Preference will be given to applicants/farms that have not previously been awarded a grant.

Livestock Investment Grants encourage long-term industry development in Minnesota's \$7 billion livestock industry. Grant funds are available for equipment purchases, physical improvements, and acquisition of facilities used to start, improve, or expand livestock operations in the state of Minnesota. Funding for the grants comes through the AGRI Program to advance Minnesota's agricultural and renewable energy industries.

Applicants may apply for up to 10% of their project's total expense, with a minimum expense of \$4,000 and a maximum expense of \$250,000. Grant awards can range in size from \$400 to \$25,000. Only expenses incurred after the grant contract has been signed by all parties are eligible for reimbursement. The MDA expects to have contracts to grantees by early 2023.

Applicants must use the MDA's online application portal to apply for the grant.

More information about the grant can be found on the AGRI Livestock Investment Grant website.

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