

## HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 08, 2008

The regular meeting of the Highway Committee was called to order by Vice-Chair Eugene Henke at 9:00 AM on Monday, September 08, 2008 at Highway Shop I, Green Lake County, Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the Open Meeting Law were certified as being met.

Present: Eugene Henke, Vice Chairman                      Absent: Orrin Helmer  
          Bob Krause  
          Alma Hedberg  
          Dan Priske, Alternate

Others Present: John Selsing, Corporation Counsel  
                  Robert Podgorski, Highway Commissioner  
                  Becky Pence, Administrative Assistant  
                  Ken Lucht, Wisconsin & Southern Railroad

### **Agenda**

*Motion/second (Hedberg/Priske)* to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

### **Minutes**

*Motion/second (Krause/Hedberg)* to approve the meeting minutes of August 11, 2008. Motion carried.

### **Parks Business:**

**Correspondence** None

**Public Comment** None

**Appearances** None

### **Sunset Park**

Robert Podgorski indicated the piers are now completed. The necessary paperwork needs to be gathered and submitted in order to receive the grant money.

### **Zobel Park**

Alma Hedberg presented some more information regarding the disc golf, specifically an e-mail from Patrick Blake who would like to design the course for wheelchair accessibility.

### **Monthly Vouchers**

Vouchers were presented in the amount of \$8,713.26

*Motion/second (Hedberg/Priske)* to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.

### **Boat Launch Fees**

The Boat Launch Fees collected from August 12-25 amounted to \$1,089.92. Total to date is \$3,634.73.

Dan Priske feels that more money could possibly be generated for the boat launch if we look into charging an annual permit fee, or a daily permit fee like the City of Green Lake currently has in use. Dan would like to gather more information, and present the Committee with a proposal.

*Motion/second (Hedberg/Krause)* for Dan Priske to prepare a proposal for an annual/daily permit boat launch fee, and to bring to the Committee for further discussion.

### **Heritage Parkway Resolution**

The Heritage Parkway Resolution was signed by the Committee for submitting to the County Board.

### **Parks Concession**

Robert Podgorski reported that there are three coal pits, not one as mentioned by Dan Steffen during the previous meeting. All three coal pits are sufficiently stationed, and there is no need to add another pit.

**2009 Budget Review** None

**Committee Discussion** None

## **Highway Business:**

### **Correspondence**

Robert Podgorski received a Thank You Letter on behalf of the Green Lake County Fair Committee for the support of the 2008 Green Lake County Fair.

Robert Podgorski handed out information pertaining to the North Central Region Commissioner/ Committee Person Fall Meeting which will be held on October 24, 2008 at The Hotel Mead in Wisconsin Rapids. Committee members wishing to attend should notify Robert Podgorski.

The September 2008 TDA Newsletter was included in the packets for members to review.

There will be a special Finance meeting on September 18, 2008 to discuss Highway and Parks and Recreation budgets.

### **Public Comments**

Dean Hunt, Business Development Manager and Steven Brueggeman, P.E., VP of Transportation Services represented Martenson & Eisele, Inc. The Firm offers planning, environmental, surveying, engineering, and architectural services. Robert Podgorski will forward their Portfolio to Jason Kauffeld. Jason may be able to use their expertise for certain grants that may benefit Green Lake County.

### **Appearances**

Ken Lucht, Wisconsin & Southern Railroad explained how the railroad system has attracted new industries; has created new jobs; and has generated money in new property taxes. Ken is very appreciative of the 17 counties that have agreed to contribute \$25,000.00 for 2009. Discussion was held on the railroads goal of upgrading the system for bridges, ties, and rails for 2009. By 2011 their goal for Green Lake County is to replace 1,000 ties per mile between Fairwater and Markesan.

**Vouchers**

Vouchers were presented for \$135,649.21

*Motion/second (Priske/Krause)* to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$135,649.21. Motion Carried.

**Commissioner's Report**

CTH B is continuing, and planning to start pulverizing by September 22, 2008.

John Selsing discussed the conflicts that have taken place on CTH B. Green Lake County is sticking firm to Ayres & Associates Survey and will proceed with court action if needed.

The crew has been centerlining in Markesan and City of Green Lake; mowing and patching for County and State are also continuing.

The new boat landing at Sunset Park has been completed.

Dan Priske questioned the brush on STH 73 Wayside. Robert Podgorski indicated it still needs to be cleaned up.

**Public Comments** None

**Backhoe Rental**

Robert Podgorski presented price quotes from Brooks for \$3,600.00/month (no charge for drop-off or pickup), Miller-Bradford for \$4,000.00/month and FABCO for \$4,500.00/month.

*Motion/second (Priske/Henke)* to rent backhoe from Brooks for \$3,600.00/month. Motion Carried.

**CTH A Petition for Engine Braking**

Robert Podgorski indicated the engine braking issue is currently resolved as he has spoken to the trucking companies that have been using the road and has also spoken with James Walker explaining that if one "No Engine Braking" sign goes up on the hill by the inlet, signs will need to go up throughout the county. The Trucking companies have resolved by discussing the situation with their drivers.

**DOT Request for Services** None

**TDA Membership**

Robert Podgorski requested to join the TDA Membership. Membership dues are \$250.00.

*Motion/second (Krause/Hedberg)* to join the TDA Membership for \$250.00. Motion Carried.

**Equipment Analysis**

Robert Podgorski explained that the county is \$176,469 ahead on equipment. Eugene Henke commented that he was informed that the county was plowing for Marquette Township. Robert Podgorski said it has not been brought to his attention, and that this would have to be presented to the Committee for approval.

**Fund Balance**

Fund Balance report was reviewed. Currently 86.5% of budget has been spent. Total storm damage to date amounts to \$413,126, of which \$65,221.46 attributed for State storm damage repairs. Robert Podgorski met with FEMA Friday, September 5, 2008. This was a kick-off meeting informing the county of the necessary information needed for submitting the paperwork for reimbursement.

### **EQUIPMENT RATING**

The Equipment Rating List was reviewed. Truck #55, 1988 GMC 1T Service Truck is in poor condition. Robert Podgorski asked the Committee if and how much money to spend on refurbishing, or for approximately \$9,000.00 Truck #16, 2005 3/4T Crew Cab Pick-Up can be upgraded, consisting of new tool box on the side, and a Tommy lift. Robert Podgorski recommends upgrading Truck #16.

*Motion/second (Priske/Hedberg)* for Robert Podgorski to look into modifying Truck #16, and to get a price quote from Monroe Trucking. Motion Carried.

### **2009 EQUIPMENT LIST**

Robert Podgorski explained the 2009 Equipment List is what needs to be included in the 2009 Budget. Bob Krause indicated that the 1T Shop Service Truck with Tool Body should not be included if modification of Truck #16 takes place.

*Motion/second (Priske/Hedberg)* to postpone the 2009 Equipment List for the 2009 Budget until the October meeting after review of the Monroe Truck quote. Motion Carried.

### **2009 Budget Review** None

### **Closed Session**

*Motion/second (Hedberg/Krause)* to moved into closed session per ss.19.85(1)(c) for Personnel Matters and Evaluations. Roll call vote, 4 ayes – 0 nays. Motion Carried.

### **Resume Open Session**

*Motion/second (Krause/Hedberg)* to resume open session. Roll call vote, 4 ayes – 0 nays. Motion Carried.

### **Announce Findings of Closed Session**

*Motion/second (Krause/Hedberg)* to accept evaluations of Gary Jenkins and Doug Lichtenburg. Motion Carried.

*Motion/second (Krause/Hedberg)* to allow 30 days for obtaining CDL endorsement for the internal posts for the General Laborer position

### **Crash Data**

The Crash Data and locations were reviewed. A total of 60 reports consisting of 1 weather related accident, 20 other related and 39 deer related reports.

### **Field Road Review** None

### **Committee Discussion**

Robert Podgorski reminded the committee the WCHA Winter Conference will be held in January. The

meeting is very beneficial, and Robert recommends some of the committee personnel to attend.

Orrin Helmer can now attend the October 13, 2008 meeting if the Committee prefers to change back.

***Motion/second (Hedberg/Krause)*** to hold the meeting on October 13, 2008 instead of October 6, 2008.

**Future agenda items for action:**

Budget Parks/Highway

Fall Meeting

Price quotes #16

Boat Launch

Equipment List for 2009 Budget

**Regular meeting date:** October 13, 2008 at 9:00 AM

**Adjournment**

***Motion/second (Priske/Hedberg)*** to adjourn at 11:15 AM. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

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Administrative Assistant