

October 11, 2010

The regular meeting of the Highway Committee was called to order by Chair Eugene Henke at 9:00 AM on Monday, October 11, 2010. The requirements of the Open Meeting Law were certified as being met.

Present: Eugene Henke
Alma Hedberg
Donald Peters (9:30)

Absent: Ricky Perr

Others Present: Robert Podgorski, Highway Commissioner
Becky Pence, Administrative Assistant
Dan Priske, County Board Chair
Tony Daley, The Berlin Journal Co.
Tom Boguszewski, AECOM
Matt Hess, Badger Mining
Buten Seaman, Badger Mining
Keith Nikoloy, Ayres Associates
Eric Berg, Caspers Truck Equipment
Troy Redfearn, Monroe Truck Equipment
Ken Lucht, Wisconsin & Southern Railroad

Dan Priske, County Board Chair participated in Committee Meeting until 9:30 am.

Agenda

Motion/second (Priske/Hedberg) to approve the Agenda. Motion Carried.

Minutes

Motion/second (Priske/Hedberg) to approve the meeting Minutes of September 13, 2010. Motion Carried.

Public Comments None

Correspondence

Permission for Job Shadowing - "Going to Work with a Parent", and the WCHA Informer.

Robert Podgorski explained the permission slip has been signed for Savanna Seeliger to Job Shadow James Seeliger on October 12, 2010. The permission slip was required by October 7, 2010.

Appearances

Tom Boguszewski, AECOM gave a brief overview of the consulting engineering firm.

Monthly Vouchers

Motion/second (Hedberg/Priske) to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$360,967.89. Motion Carried.

Commissioner's Report

Robert Podgorski reported the crew put in culverts for the Town of Mackford for drainage; mowed county roads; centerlined; closed state wayside; drainage work on CTH X and STH 44 – fixed washout; hauled for Marquette County; drainage work for Badger Mining, CTH JJ.

DOT Request for Services None

Badger Mining, CTH JJ

Robert Podgorski reported working with Badger Mining, and Ayres Associates to accommodate Badger Mining's concern regarding traffic, and heavy equipment on CTH JJ. Culverts were put in last week. Sight

distance does not meet. There was discussion regarding softening the curve, but Matt Hess of Badger Mining feels the speed limit would end up being increased. Keith Nikolay of Ayres Associates stated that softening would increase the sight distance; or a permanent easement could be obtained to limit visibility.

Badger Mining will get back with Robert Podgorski. At this time Matt Hess feels that Badger Mining should get an easement in place and revisit the situation at a later time.

CTH B & CTH H Update

Keith Nikolay of Ayres Associates explained that CTH B/H Intersection will not be completed until the spring of 2011. All the plans are done, the proposed new right of way has been staked. A recommendation was made to hold off until the county owns the land.

Motion/second (Hedberg/Priske) to seat late arrival Don Peters at 9:30 am. Motion Carried.

Equipment Analysis

The Committee reviewed the Equipment Analysis Report.

Expenditure / Revenue Summary Report

The Committee reviewed the Expenditure & Revenue Summary Report.

NC Region Fall Meeting, October 29, 2010, Fremont, WI

Motion/second (Peters/Hedberg) to allow any committee member who wishes to attend the NC Region Fall Meeting on October 29, 2010 to register by October 15, 2010. Motion Carried.

GPS AVL Bid Opening

The following GPS/AVL Bids were reviewed.

Monroe Truck Equipment	\$14,197.00
Casper's Truck Equipment	\$12,036.00

Motion/second (Peters/Hedberg) to approve the most advantageous, cost efficient bid after all specification criteria has been reviewed by Robert Podgorski. Motion Carried.

Railroad Consortium

Ken Luck, Community Development Manager for Wisconsin & Southern Railroad explained the purpose of the railroad consortium and county donations for use in leveraging state grant funds. Rail shipping services approximately 72 customers in Green Lake County from liquid/dry fertilizer, frozen foods, silicon sand to canned foods. There are approximately 650 jobs supported by the railroad in Green Lake County.

Use of County Property

A request from Mark Slate to put a sign at the Shop II facility on CTH 73 in the Town of Manchester for the City of Markesan. City of Markesan will be responsible for installing, maintaining, and removal of such sign. P & I approved October 5, 2010.

Motion/second (Hedberg/Peters) to approve the use of County property at Highway Shop 2 facility in the Township of Manchester for signage for the City of Markesan. City of Markesan will be responsible for installing, maintaining, and removal of such sign. Motion Carried.

General Laborer Vacancy

Motion/second (Peters/Hedberg) to recommend to Personnel in October to hire a General Laborer Position by November 11, 2010 in order to replace retiree Doug Lichtenberg. Motion Carried.

2011 Budget None

Closed Session

Motion/Second (Hedberg/Peters) to move into Closed Session per ss19.85(1)c for Personnel Matters, Employee Evaluations; ss19.85(a)(f) Medical History. Roll-Call Vote, 3 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Perr). Motion Carried.

Resume Open Session

Motion/Second (Peters/Hedberg) to move into open session. Roll-Call Vote, 3 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Perr). Motion Carried.

Announce Findings of Closed Session

Committee was updated on employee relation issues regarding lack of employees due to illness which impacts productivity.

Crash Data and Locations

Committee reviewed 12 deer related accidents, 1 weather related, and 7 other related accidents.

Committee Discussion

Robert Podgorski reported that Green Lake County did well with the Rodeo results as Green Lake County took 3 places out of 5. Steve Arndt placed 2nd, Kevin Sternitske placed 3rd, and Joe Chappa placed 4th.

Discussion was held on the benefits of bio-diesel fuel. Donald Peters indicated his opposition due to cost issues, and that he feels we have financial issues more so than environmental issues.

Discussion was held on replacing the brine tank at Shop I.

Field Road Review None

Future agenda items for action and discussion:

- **Regular meeting date:** November 8, 2010 at 9:00 AM
- **2011 Budget**
- **Badger Mining - CTH JJ**

Adjournment

Motion/second (Peters/Hedberg) to adjourn at 1:55 PM. Motion carried.

Submitted by,



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