



The DNR grant was missed this year, we will proceed for next year.

### **Zobel Park**

Alma Hedberg indicated they would like the playground for the physically handicapped children to be on the upper part of the park, but don't think they can because of the grass. They're far from doing anything yet. The next meeting will be October 30, 2008. Jason Kauffeld requested that he be on the mailing list so he is informed of the upcoming meetings.

### **Mascountin Recreational Trail**

Jason Kauffeld has not heard anything from Christine Halburt yet, and mentioned that there is a good amount of money for the snowmobile trails.

### **Monthly Vouchers**

Vouchers were presented in the amount of \$6,154.03.

*Motion/second (Krause/Henke)* to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$6,154.03. Motion carried.

### **Boat Launch Fees**

The Boat Launch Fees collected September amounted to \$929.10. Total to date is \$4,809.88.

### **2009 Budget Review** None

### **Committee Discussion** None

## **Highway Business:**

### **Correspondence**

The following items were included in the Committee Packets:

- Memo from David Vieth, Director Bureau of Highway Operations regarding contingency money
- The WCHA Informer
- DOT News Release Information Meeting October 21, 2008
- TDA Newsletter
- 2009 General Transportation Aids Estimate
- Memo from John Kinar, Regional Maintenance Supervisors regarding salt conservation

Robert Podgorski spoke about the salt availability, and that it could go to \$250/Ton. Green Lake County is locked in at \$45.30/Ton with delivery October 13, 2008. Also, there will be a meeting November 3, 2008 regarding managing salt use.

### **Public Comments** None

### **Appearances**

Fred and Sylvia Wells, along with Tiffany Martin requested approval of a driveway variance to the West of the current driveway located at W2150 CTH F, Berlin, WI. Robert Podgorski stated the sight distance is excellent. A copy of the survey was left with the Committee.

Amy Benton and Scott Fenendael of Mid-County Co-Op presented fuel procurement information focusing on County Highway departments. The presentation included protecting yourself from fuel increases; different marketing trends; comparison of how other counties purchase fuel; and what Mid-County proposes for Green Lake County. A booklet was handed out to all Committee members to review before the November meeting.

Robert Podgorski commented that Door and Lincoln Counties are very happy with the services they get from Mid-County. Orrin Helmer stated that we used to get bids prior to purchasing; and now it's a very tough decision to make due to inflation that it's hard to predict what the price will be from one day to the next.

Mark Schuster of Foth, Mike Exferd of Mead & Hunt, and Phillip Roberts of Omni Associates all presented their proposal for reconstruction of CTH A from STH 44 South to just North of Intersection CTH S.

### **Vouchers**

Vouchers were presented for \$259,461.83. Committee members held a discussion on fuel usage. *Motion/second (Hedberg/Krause)* to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$259,461.83. Motion Carried.

### **Commissioner's Report**

Robert Podgorski reported the crews still mowing county roads; CTH B reconstruction still underway; and started paving CTH B-STH 73 to Hilltop, CTH S-STH 73 to Markesan, and CTH S-STH73/44 to CTH X. Orrin Helmer inquired about paving CTH H. Robert Podgorski commented that the crews were just starting CTH D.

Robert Podgorski mentioned that because the State is cutting back, there has not been as much mowing. Robert Krause commented that Waushara county is also cutting back on their mowing also.

**Public Comments** None

**Railroad Consortium** None

**DOT Request for Services** None

### **Safety Meeting**

Robert Podgorski invited all Committee members to the Safety Meeting on October 22, 2008. He explained that usually a Rodeo is held between Waushara and Green Lake Counties, and that Tom Dahlke of Waushara wanted to hold the Rodeo in September, but due to the flooding everything is behind that Green Lake County wouldn't be able to participate.

Robert Podgorski explained to the members that by law, the Counties need to hold so many safety/ training meetings, and encouraged all members to attend as the training is very interesting and worthwhile with the different speakers presenting topics such as Skid/Steer safety, back injuries, etc.

Orrin Helmer reminded the Committee members that if a motion is made and seconded, they can receive a

per diem for attending the safety training.

*Motion/second (Hedberg/Krause)* to authorize a per diem for Committee members attending the Safety Meeting on October 22, 2008.

#### **North Central Region Fall Meeting**

The North Central Region Fall Meeting will be held on October 24, 2008 in Wisconsin Rapids. The registration is \$20.00/person. Robert Podgorski will drive, leaving Green Lake around 7:15, but needs to let them know how many Committee members will attend. Discussion was held – no other committee member could make the meeting.

#### **North Central Region Fall Accountants Meeting**

The North Central Region Fall Accountants Meeting will be held November 5, 2008 in Merrill, WI. No agenda has been sent out yet. *Motion/second (Krause/Henke)* to authorize Becky Pence to attend the Fall Accountants meeting in Merrill, WI. Motion carried.

#### **Driveway Variance CTH F**

Discussion was held on the Driveway Variance for Fred and Sylvia Wells. It was noted that the only violation was 450' from the culvert, but the site distance was good, therefore there should be no problem in granting the variance. The proper fee has been received. A culvert permit still needs to be issued.

*Motion/second (Krause/Henke)* to grant the driveway variance for CTH F. Roll call vote, 4 ayes – 0 nays. Motion Carried.

#### **Equipment Analysis**

Equipment Analysis report was reviewed. Bottom line looks good at this point and time due to the equipment being used. As of September 30, 2008 we are \$186,631 to the good.

#### **Fund Analysis**

Fund Analysis report was reviewed. As of September 30, 2008 expenses are approximately 81% of budgeted amounts. This includes \$483,631.56 of storm related expenses.

#### **Winter Maintenance**

Discussion was held on winter maintenance regarding when plowing should start and stop. Robert Podgorski informed the Committee that the State wants everyone to start cutting back, minimizing salt usage, and time spent on clearing roads. Orrin Helmer commented that we need to start cutting down and that people will have to get accustomed to this.

#### **2009 EQUIPMENT LIST**

Discussion was held on the 2009 Equipment List. Because of the money we're cutting, the question was whether to purchase a 1 Ton Pick-Up with Tool Body for shop service or upgrade the State Superintendent Truck in exchange. The Equipment List should go into the budget as originally presented because it had previously been approved.

Orrin Helmer commented that we need to consider pulverizing roads that have a decent grade instead of reconstructing. *Motion/second (Henke/Krause)* to approve the 2009 Equipment List for budgeting.

Motion Carried.

**2009 Budget Review** None

**Closed Session**

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

**Announce Findings of Closed Session**

*Motion/second (Krause/Hedberg)* to offer the Part-Time Highway Account Clerk II position to Hannah Lueneburg. Motion Carried.

*Motion/second (Henke/Krause)* to accept the evaluation of Chuck Buss, Patrol Superintendent. Motion Carried.

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

**Crash Data**

No Crash Data Reports to review as they were received late Friday afternoon.

**Field Road Review** None

**Committee Discussion**

Robert Podgorski indicated the WCHA Winter Conference will be held in January. Any Committee members that want to attend need to let Robert Podgorski know.

Orrin Helmer discussed the report received from Dan Priske regarding boat launch fees. There are various items that need further input before a decision can be reached. Robert Krause feels that a lot of discussion still needs to be held such as the cash boxes and instructions, collection/disbursement of money. Orrin volunteered to speak with the Sheriff's Department to get further input.

Robert Podgorski stated that Omni Associates have been excellent to work with, especially with the bridge project on CTH A. Orrin Helmer feels that if there's an excellent work history with Omni, that they should get the bid on the reconstruction for CTH A.

*Motion/second (Henke/Krause)* to offer Omni Associates the bid for CTH A Reconstruction with Mead & Hunt for the second choice, then Foth for the third choice. Motion Carried.

**Future agenda items for action:**

Budget Parks/Highway  
Mid-County Fuel Procurement  
WCHA Winter Highway Conference  
Update on Boat Launch Fees/Sheriff

**Regular meeting date:** November 10, 2008 at 9:00 AM

**Adjournment**

*Motion/second (Hedberg/Krause)* to adjourn at 12:00 AM. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

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