

Barron County Highway Committee Meeting

March 9, 2023 Minutes – 8:00 a.m.

Committee Members Attended in Person: Bill Effertz, Jim Gores, Dale Heinecke, Roberta Mosentine,

Committee Members Attended Virtually: None.

Committee Members Absent: Marv Thompson

Staff Present: Mak Kaiser, Lori Raven, Mark Servi, Tony Tangwall

Staff Present Virtually: Jeff French, Louie Okey

Others Present: Arnie Anderson

The Highway Committee meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Vice Chair Gores

Approve the agenda: (Mosentine/Heinecke) to approve the agenda. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None at this time.

Approve the January 5, 2023 minutes: (Mosentine/Heinecke) to approve the minutes as presented. All in favor. Carried.

Work Zone Awareness Week Resolution: Servi indicated that this year Work Zone Awareness Week will be April 17-21. **Motion:** to approve the Work Zone Awareness Week Resolution **(Effertz/Heinecke)**. All in favor. Carried.

ATV/UTV Sign Update: Raven indicated that the signs and posts were delivered and cost a total of \$6,265.26. Signs will be installed in April.

Sale of Excess Right of Way CTH M, Town of Sumner: Servi discussed the policy on sale of excess right of way and recommended proceeding with the sale of property for \$500. **Motion:** to approve the sale of excess right of way **(Effertz/Mosentine)**. All in favor. Carried.

Sale of Excess Equipment: Servi discussed the current policy. **Motion:** to keep the policy of sale of excess equipment as is. **(Effertz/Heinecke)**. All in favor. Carried.

Construction of State Salt Shed at Rice Lake Shed/Removal of County Shed/Transfer Existing State Shed to County: Servi indicated that the D.O.T. would like to build a new 1,000 ton salt shed in Rice Lake to increase holding capacity. The County would manage the project and the State would pay for it. The current state salt shed would be transferred to the County and the current County shed would be torn down and replaced by the new State salt shed. Discussion. **Motion:** to proceed with Construction of State salt shed in Rice Lake **(Effertz/Mosentine)**. All in favor. Carried.

Staff Reports

Financial Update: None at this time.

Facility Update: Servi reported that the County will get occupancy of the heated storage on the 16th, construction on unheated storage 2 has not started, demolition cannot start until the fuel system is in the new location and operational, asbestos testing on the old office building is complete and results will be available in 3 days.

Crew Update: Kaiser indicated that lube racks will be functional in 3 weeks, the 3rd lift is on site and will be stalled in 2 weeks, looking into a new supplier of oil and fuel additives, the parts room is organized and will eventually be inventoried with barcodes.

Servi reported that there has been lots of snow and ice control, the crew has been mixing salt sand and patching as weather allows.

Servi indicated that there have been 2 retirements and 1 resignation. All positions are posted.

Project Update: Servi indicated that; Decker Drive: design continues and there is a meeting next week, CTH P: waiting to see Antcak's construction schedule, CTH SS Bridge over Chetek River: let in February and came in over the estimate, the project was awarded to Sheet Pile Services, CTH U: working on right of way plat and nearing 60% design completion, 15th Ave Bridge over Yellow River: awarded to Larson Construction, Discussion on the D.O.T. 7 year plan.

Sand Haul Routes: Servi indicated that they are all current on payments and Blue Diamond is looking at hauling on CTH P.

WCHA: Servi indicated that commissioner training is at the end of March.

NACE: Servi indicated that there is an event in Las Vegas coming up.

NACo: Servi indicated that they are following federal funding opportunities.

Edit List: Edit lists were available with no questions or concerns.

Future Agenda Items: None at this time.

Set Future Meeting Date: April 6th, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

Motion to adjourn: meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:40 a.m.

Minutes submitted by:

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