

Barron County Highway Committee Meeting

April 6, 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:** Nate Nelson, Louie Okey, Lori Raven, Mark Servi, Tony Tangwall

**Staff Present Virtually:** None.

**Others Present:** None.

The Highway Committee meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m. by Vice Chair Gores

**Approve the agenda: (Heinecke/Mosentine)** to approve the agenda with the changed date in the header. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None at this time.

**Approve the March 9, 2023 minutes: (Mosentine/Heinecke)** to approve the minutes as presented. All in favor. Carried.

**ATV/UTV Sign Update:** Raven indicated that the signs and posts are on site and diggers hotline tickets are being requested to install posts, signs will be installed throughout the County by May 1<sup>st</sup> as directed by the County Board.

**Resolution for Authorizing Advance Ordering of Equipment in 2024 Budget:** Servi discussed long lead times on equipment. **Motion:** to approve the resolution for authorizing advance ordering of equipment in 2024 budget (**Effertz/Heinecke**). All in favor. Carried.

**Authorization for Equipment and Facility Manager to Continue to Take a County Vehicle Home for the Duration of the Highway Facility Construction Project:** Servi discussed the ongoing construction of the facility and the need for the equipment and facility manager to respond to contractors. **Motion:** to authorize the equipment and facility manager to continue to take a county vehicle home for the duration of the highway facility construction project (**Heinecke/Effertz**). All in favor. Carried.

**Staff Reports**

**Financial Update:** Busch indicated that winter maintenance is up this year.

**Facility Update:** None at this time.

**Facility and Equipment Report:** Servi indicated that the oil and lube racks are in and functioning, the new hoist has been installed and is functioning, old equipment will go up on a surplus auction with the funds offsetting future equipment costs.

**Crew Update:** Nelson indicated that the crew has been dealing with snow and ice, guard rail repairs, and setting up the hotmix and crusher operations. Nelson indicated that the crew will transition to spray patching, sweeping intersections, cutting brush, tree removal, and bridge washing.

**Commissioner's Report:** Servi indicated that night shift is done and the crew is back on 10 hour days, the rice lake shed was hit by a car, internal applicants have interviewed for the open foreman positions, there are currently 4 crew positions open and interviews will start next week followed by summer staff interviews, spring cleanup day is April 26<sup>th</sup> and spring town day is April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Project Update:** Servi provided updates on Highway projects. Decker Drive: public information meeting was last month, SS Bridge in Chetek: construction starts on April 24<sup>th</sup> and the pre-construction meeting is April 19<sup>th</sup>, CTH P: construction starts early June and there will be a pre-construction meeting closer to the start date, Town of Barron Bridge: pre-construction meeting is on April 15<sup>th</sup> with construction starting on April 17<sup>th</sup>, multiple county and town bridge applications have been submitted.

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

**WCHA:** Servi discussed topics covered at commissioner's training and indicated that summer road school will be June 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>.

**NACE:** Servi indicated that the NACE conference is in Gulf Shores Alabama starting next Saturday and he will be attending and presenting.

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

**Future Agenda Items:** None at this time.

**Set Future Meeting Date:** May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

**Motion to adjourn:** meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:13 a.m.

Minutes submitted by:

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