

Barron County Highway Committee Meeting

May 4, 2023 Minutes – 8:00 a.m.

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

Committee Members Attended Virtually: None.

Committee Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jodi Busch, Jeff French, Mak Kaiser, Louie Okey, Mark Servi, Tony Tangwall

Staff Present Virtually: None.

Others Present: Ryan Urban from Barron News Shield

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

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

Public Comment: None at this time.

Approve the April 6, 2023 minutes: (Gores/Heinecke) to approve the minutes as presented. All in favor. Carried.

ATV/UTV Sign Update: Servi indicated that the May 1st deadline was met and the project came in well under budget thanks to Lori Raven.

GPS on Trucks: Servi indicated that this will be moved to next month's meeting.

Sale of Excess Right of Way: Servi and French discussed County policy. **Motion:** to authorize the sale of excess right of way pending no costs to the County and following County policy (**Effertz/Gores**). All in favor. Carried.

Road Closure CTH K in the Village of Turtle Lake Request for Permit: Servi discussed the road closure plan and detour. **Motion:** to authorize the permit for road closure on CTH K in the Village of Turtle Lake (**Heinecke/Effertz**). All in favor. Carried.

Safety Concern 16 ½ Avenue at Railroad Tracks: Servi indicated that this is a town road and the County has no authority.

Staff Reports

Financial Update: Busch presented the 2022 financials and indicated no concern.

Facility Update: None at this time.

Facility and Equipment Report: Kaiser presented on the equipment purchases and sales for 2023 and prices of the new parts supplier.

Highway Facility Update: None at this time.

Crew Update: Servi indicated that the crew is transitioning to summer work, crushing, bridge washing, and patching. Tangwall indicated that electronic timekeeping will be implemented soon.

Commissioner's Report: Servi indicated there is currently one open position for a mechanic and there are still summer labor and LTE positions open.

Project Update: Servi provided updates on Highway projects. CTH SS Bridge in Chetek: construction started on 5/3/2023, 15th Ave bridge in the Town of Barron: work continues, 7 bridges in Barron County were submitted and 4 qualified for consideration of funding, Decker Drive: design continues.

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 they are working through the transportation budget and discussed senate bill 232.

NACE and NACo: Servi indicated that the focus is on continuing education for the BIL.

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

Future Agenda Items: Senate Bill 232, GPS on Trucks, ATV Trail on Right of Way on CTH SS Between Chetek and New Auburn, Renaming CTH SS Between Cameron and Chetek.

Set Future Meeting Date: June 1, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

Motion to adjourn: meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:48 a.m.

Minutes submitted by:

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