

Barron County Highway Committee Meeting

June 1, 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, Nate Nelson, Louie Okey, Mark Servi, Tony Tangwall

**Staff Present Virtually:** None.

**Others Present:** None.

The Highway Committee meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chair Thompson

**Approve the agenda: (Mosentine/Gores)** to approve the agenda as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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

Approve the May 4, 2023 minutes: **(Mosentine/Heinecke)** All in favor. Carried.

**Cutting of Tress on CTH T Right of Way:** Servi discussed the trees that were removed in the right of way and the appropriate regulations. Motion: to take no action **(Heinecke/Gores)** All in favor. Carried.

**Highway Department Hours of Operation:** Servi discussed hours of operation and staffing. **Motion:** to approve temporary office hours while short staffed **(Effertz/Mosentine)**. All in favor. Carried.

**RT Vision Update and Demo:** Tangwall discussed RT Vision and demonstrated how it works.

**GPS on Trucks Update and Demo:** Nelson and Servi discussed the perks and potential cost of GPS on trucks.

**Consideration of Support for ATV/UTV Letter Written by Washburn County:** Servi discussed the letter Washburn County sent to WCA. **Motion:** recommendation to send a letter of support (Mosentine/Gores). All in favor. Carried.

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

**Facility and Equipment Report:** Servi discussed equipment and indicated that interviews for the open mechanic position will start in a few weeks.

**Highway Facility Update:** Nelson indicated that a gasline was hit last week, progress continues with concrete and grading, work as well as the beam in the crew room.

**Operation's Manager Update:** Nelson indicated that paving will start on CTH A and CTH AA next week, the crew has been working on milling and crackfilling.

**Commissioner's Report:** Servi indicated that he will retire on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, summer employees have started, working on a 5 year plan and budget, researching 10 hour days year round.

**Project Update:** Servi provided updates on Highway projects. TAP Grant: signed contract for study, Decker Drive: project on schedule, CTH U: design paused, recommendation to purchase right of way once funding, 15<sup>th</sup> Ave bridge in Town of Barron: progress continues, CTH SS Bridge: issues with walls on abutments resulting in a 1 week delay, CTh P: start the week of June 12<sup>th</sup>, Bridge projects: waiting to hear from D.O.T. about funding.

**Sand Haul Routes:** Servi indicated that Piranha is 1 payment behind and a check is coming, no update on Blue Diamond hauling on CTH P.

**WcHA:** Servi indicated that road school is next week.

**NACE:** Servi indicated that the focus is on grant applications.

**NACo:** Servi indicated he only has a few phone call meetings left.

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

**Future Agenda Items:** Nothing at this time.

**Set Future Meeting Date:** July 6, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. and August 3, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

**Motion to adjourn:** meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:31 a.m.

Minutes submitted by:

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