

Barron County Highway Committee Meeting

January 29, 2025 Minutes – 9:30 a.m.

Committee Members Attended in Person: Dennis Jenkins, Bill Effertz (left at 10:05 am), Roberta Mosentine, Louie Okey (replaced Effertz for voting at 10:05 am), Pete Olson, Marv Thompson

Committee Members Attended Virtually: None.

Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jeff French, Michael Hoefs, John Muench, Nate Nelson, Tony Tangwall

Staff Present Virtually: None.

Others Present: Fred Anderson (Chippewa County Highway Department), Bryan Dodge (Midwest Hardwood Specialties Corp), Dan North (Town of Dovre Resident), Dean Trowbridge (Town of Dovre Resident), Diane Vaughn (County Board/Town of Dovre)

Others Present Virtually: Teresa Dachel (Village of New Auburn), Bradley Hanson (Village of New Auburn), Joe Koterak (Village of New Auburn), Garrett Larson (Village of New Auburn)

The Highway Committee meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair Thompson

Approve the agenda: (Olson/Effertz) to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Presentation From Midwest Hardwood Specialties Corp: Bryan Dodge representing Midwest Hardwood Specialties Corp provided company history, plans of operation, and concerns for their plant at 512 CTH SS New Auburn WI 54757. Discussion.

Closed Session – Barron County Highway Committee pertaining to the implementation of a road use agreement. Motion: (Effertz/Jenkins)

1. The Highway Committee may go into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(e) for deliberating or negotiating purchase of public properties, investing public funds, other specific business, or whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session and Section 19.85(g) for conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved based upon the above description. Based on the above description to include all County Board Supervisors that are present in person, County Administrator French, Highway Commissioner Hoefs, Corporation Counsel Muench, Highway Operations Manager Nelson, Administrative Assistant III Tangwall. Carried with 5 Yes, 0 No.

Return to Open Session – Motion: (Olson/Jenkins).

Motion: The Highway Committee will continue to enact road agreements in accordance with existing laws as it deems to be appropriate. **(Okey/Jenkins)**. 4 in favor, 1 opposed. Carried.

Motion: To direct the Highway Commissioner to conduct road surveys on all potential County Highways used and for Midwest Hardwood Specialties Corp to send scale tickets immediately until further notice. **(Olson/Jenkins)**. All in favor. Carried.

Set Future Meeting Date: February 6, 2025 at 9:30 am.

Motion to adjourn: by unanimous consent at 10:52 am.

Minutes submitted by:

Tony Tangwall, Administrative Assistant III