

Barron County Highway Committee Meeting

May 8, 2025 Minutes – 9:30 a.m.

Committee Members Attended in Person: Dennis Jenkins, Bill Effertz, Roberta Mosentine, Pete Olson, Marv Thompson

Committee Members Attended Virtually: None.

Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jodi Busch (left at 11:12 am), Jeff French (left at 11:12 am), Gary Gall, Michael Hoefs, Nate Nelson, Lori Raven, Tony Tangwall

Staff Present Virtually: None

Others Present: Rachel Ault (left at 9:40 am), Katie Danielson (left at 9:40 am), Dustin Perry (left at 9:40 am)

Others Present Virtually: None

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

Approve the agenda: (Mosentine/Jenkins) to approve the agenda and move the public comment to after approval of minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approve the April 3, 2025 minutes: (Olson/Jenkins). All in favor. Carried.

Public Comment: None at this time.

Service Memorial for Sandra Perry: Hoefs reminisced on Sandra Perry's 34 years of service at the highway department.

LRIP Pilot – WCHA/County Agreements: Hoefs provided background information. Discussion. **Motion:** Agree to sign up for a maximum of 2 years of the program. **Effertz, Jenkins, Mosentine, Thompson in favor. Olson opposed.** Carried.

Update on Maple Plain Shooting Range: Hoefs provided information on proposed options. Discussion. The committee tasked Administrator French with contacting the Burnett County Administrator and discussing payment.

ATV/UTV Route on Highway 48 from the Tuscobia Trail to Eagle Ridge Estates: Discussion. **Motion:** to approve the trail recommendation as presented from the Tuscobia Trail to Eagle Ridge estates. **(Jenkins/Effertz).** All in favor. Carried.

2024 Highway Financials: Busch presented on the 2024 financials, showing a negative change in net position. Discussion.

Fixed Assets as of Year End: Busch presented per the county fixed asset policy.

Facility and Equipment Report: Gall indicated that equipment is continuing to come in, inspections have been going well, and the fabrication equipment is on site.

Operation's Manager Report: Nelson indicated that the crew is working on routine maintenance until construction season starts and salt has been ordered. Raven discussed projects and trainings.

Commissioner's Report: Hoefs indicated that the interview process is ongoing for seasonal help and he has been working on estimates and scheduling.

Project Update: Hoefs indicated that the CTH KK project will start soon and billing will be completed by June 30th.

Heavy Haul Routes: Hoefs reported that he has contacted the State Patrol and they will get future scale tickets from Midwest Hardwood Specialties. Payments continue to come in from the sand plant.

WCHA/NACE/NACo Update: Discussion on who would attend summer road school.

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

Future Agenda Items: Update on Maple Plain Shooting Range, Charges for Services

Set Future Meeting Date: June 5, 2025 at 9:30 am.

Motion to adjourn: by unanimous consent at 11:38 am.

Minutes submitted by:

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