

Barron County Highway Committee Meeting

April 2nd, 2026 Minutes – 8:00 a.m.

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

Committee Members Attended Virtually: None.

Committee Members Absent: Bill Effertz.

Staff Present: Jen Dalsbo (left at 8:30am), Jeff French, Jen Holub, Mike Jones (left at 8:30am), John Muench, Nate Nelson, Joe Olson (left at 8:30am), Lori Raven

Staff Present Virtually: Michelle Drury (left at 8:30am).

Others Present: None.

Others Present Virtually: Louie Okey (left at 8:30am).

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

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

Approve the February 5th, 2026 minutes: (Jenkins / Mosentine). All in favor. Carried.

Public Comment: Administrator French, said a Thank You to Roberta Mosentine, Marv Thompson, and Bill Effertz for their time on the committee and with the county board.

Financial Report: Holub presented. No concerns.

Final Closing of the Books – New Highway Building(s): Drury presented. Audit is not final yet. No concerns.

Restrict 2026 Equipment Funds for 2028 Hotmix Baghouse (#423F) Upgrades: Nelson discussed. Motion to approve restricting \$50,000.00 this year so that we can stay within budget for the replacement of the bags in 2028. **(Olson / Jenkins).** All in favor. Carried.

LRIP Acceptance of Bids: Nelson discussed. Motion to accept Monarch Paving as the single bidder for LRIP allocation of funds. **(Olson / Jenkins).** All in favor. Carried.

Facility and Equipment Report: Jones discussed. New quad is done, will be here for Town Day to show. We will have two new openings in the shop. Working on switching out skid steers soon.

Operation's Manager Report: Olson discussed. Finishing up winter work. Had first safety meeting with the new committee. Working on brush mowing on Hwy 53 about ½ way to Chetek. Have a new project coming up for ATV trail – Cattail Trail, hauling roughly 400 loads of gravel for a grant they received.

Engineering Technician's Report: Raven discussed. April is a busy month for trainings and bid openings. Barron County Highway Department has a preconstruction meeting coming up for Cumberland for road

and bridge work. Employee Appreciation Day and Town Day are coming up. Signage for the car/truck wash is in and will be put up soon.

Commissioner's Report: Nelson discussed. Nelson just had commissioner training, there was information on budgeting and WCHA looking for more ways to get funding for transportation.

Project Update: None.

WCHA/NACE/NACo Update: Nothing at this time.

Cooper Engineering Invoice and Culvert at 9 ¾ Street in Town of Chetek:

Motion to go into closed session: (Olson / Jenkins). All in favor by roll call vote. Carried.

Return to come out of closed session: (Jenkins / Mosentine). All in favor. Carried.

Motion: To reject Cooper Engineering invoice and to authorize Corporation Counsel to follow through with a letter. **(Olson / Mosentine).** All in favor. Carried.

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

Future Agenda Items: Town Day – April 16th, 2026.

Set Future Meeting Date: May 7th, 2026 at 8:00am.

Motion to adjourn: by unanimous consent at 8:55am.

Minutes submitted by:

Jen Dalsbo, Administrative Assistant II