



Barron County Highway Committee

Thursday, July 9th, 2026 Minutes – 8:00 a.m.

Barron County Highway Department Facility – Committee Room
260 N 7th St – Barron, W 54812

MINUTES:

Members Present: Dennis Jenkins, County Board Supervisor - Louie Okey as an alternate for Olson(left at 9:01am), Craig Turcott, Diane Vaughn, Brad Wolf

Absent: Pete Olson

Members Attending Virtually: None.

Others Present: Administrative Assistant II - Jen Dalsbo, Finance Director - Michelle Drury, County Administrator - Jeff French (left at 8:59am), Account Technician - Jen Holub, Facility and Equipment Manager - Mike Jones, Highway Commissioner - Nate Nelson, Operations Manager - Joe Olson, Engineering Technician - Lori Raven

Call Meeting to Order: Vice Chair Jenkins called the meeting to order at 8:00AM.

Public Meeting Notification: Administrative Assistant II Dalsbo noted the meeting met WI Open Meeting Requirements.

Special Matters and Announcements: None.

Approve Agenda: Motion: (Okey/Wolf) to approve. Carried.

Approve Minutes of June 4th, 2026: (Vaughn/Turcott) to approve. Carried.

Public Comment: None.

Financial Report: Finance Director Drury and Account Technician Holub presented. No action taken.

New Hwy Shop Plaque: Discussion. **Motion: (Turcott/Okey)** to approve the 2nd style plaque for the new highway facility dedication. Carried.

Facility and Equipment Manager's Report: Facility and Equipment Manager Jones reviewed that they are setting up for the new quad, the new tandem will be coming in December. He noted a new tire machine for the shop and a new mechanic was hired and will be starting at the end of the month.

Operations Manager Report: Operations Manager's Olson reviewed the crews are working on pulverizing, paving, chip sealing, crackfilling, mowing, and repairing blow ups in the roads from the heat. He noted that coming up will be gravel hauls, paving, continued cleaning from weather and storms, and blade patching on CTH P.

Engineering Technician's Report: Engineering Technician Raven reviewed that we have 84 total culverts that are to be put in this construction season and we have 29 completed to date. She reviewed the ATV trail bridge work that just repaired.

Commissioner's Report: Highway Commissioner Nelson noted he has been working on the status of a guardrail at CTH O and Hwy 8. He also discussed the refusal of power poles on the highway right of way on CTH A.

Project Update: Highway Commissioner Nelson noted that bridge inspections have started. He reviewed that there is a bridge in process to start replacement, and there is a bridge in process to get weight limits and restrictions removed.

Review Edit Lists: Reviewed.

Set Next Meeting Date: Thursday, August 6th, 2026 at 8:00AM at the Highway Facility located in Barron.

Suggestions for Future Agenda Items: None.

Adjournment: By unanimous consent at 9:08 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jen Dalsbo, Administrative Assistant II

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