Barron County Highway Committee

Thursday, October 1st, 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, Pete Olson, Craig Turcott, Diane Vaughn, Brad Wolf
Absent:
Members Attending Virtually:
Others Present: Administrative Assistant II - Jen Dalsbo, Financial Director - Michelle Drury, Account Technician - Jen Holub, Facility and Equipment Manager - Mike Jones, Highway Commissioner - Nate Nelson, County Board Supervisor - Louie Okey, Engineering Technician - Lori Raven, Shaping Foreman – Trevor Thompson

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

Public Meeting Notification: Jen Dalsbo noted the meeting met WI Open Meeting Requirements.

Special Matters and Announcements: none.

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

Approve Minutes of August 6th, 2026: (Vaughn/Turcott) to approve. Carried.

Public Comment: none.

Approve Barron County Functional Classification Map: Discussion. **Motion: (Turcott/Jenkins)** to approve the change of the classifications based on the DOT request as presented.

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

Facility and Equipment Manager's Report: Facility and Equipment Manager Jones reviewed that they are expecting new equipment to be ready in December and March, they have finished annual inspections, and they are working on setting up plow trucks.

Operations Manager's Report: Shaping Foreman Thompson reviewed the crews are finishing up work on CTH O and CTH D. He noted crews will be working on pulverizing, shaping roads, paving, and finishing up shouldering. He reviewed crew will be working on bridge repair on CTH B and continuing trimming trees and mowing of right of ways.

Engineering Technician's Report: Engineering Technician Raven noted the culvert crew has completed 71 culverts and has 13 left to be completed, and 50% of county roads have been line painted. She noted that she is working on an interactive mapping program that would work with our signage, culverts, painting, and bridges.

Commissioner's Report: Highway Commissioner Nelson reviewed that fuel and salt prices are on the rise and commissioners are discussing this with DOT. He noted that we did receive an approval for STP Rural Program funding for a portion of CTH U, and that we received approvals on all 9 of the bridges we submitted to the replacement funding program.

Project Update: Highway Commissioner Nelson noted we reviewed updates in the commissioner's report.

Review Edit Lists: Reviewed.

Set Next Meeting Date: Thursday, November 5th, 2026 at 8:00AM at the Highway Facility located in Barron.

Suggestions for Future Agenda Items: none.

Adjournment: By unanimous consent at 8:51AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jen Dalsbo, Administrative Assistant II

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