

MINUTES

HIGHWAY, INFRASTRUCTURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, June 5, 2025
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: Highway Dept., Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jake Hahn, Al Breu (WebEx), Scott Brehm, Lee Thao, John Hokamp

OTHERS PRESENT: Trent Miner, County Clerk, see attached sign-in sheet

1. Chairman Hahn called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and declared a quorum present.
2. There was no public comment.
3. The minutes of the previous meeting was presented. Motion by Breu/Hokamp to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Under ATV update, motion by Brehm/Hahn to open up CTH H through the Town of Marshfield to ATV/UTV traffic. Motion carried 4-1. Voting no was Breu. Motion by Brehm/Hokamp to open up CTH D from STH 54 north to CTH Q. Motion carried 4-1. Voting no was Breu.
5. The Highway Dept. staff reports were highlighted and reviewed.
6. The Highway revenue report was reviewed.
7. Motion by Thao/Hokamp to approve the Highway Dept. vouchers. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Highway Commissioner Hawk reported that all the upgraded signs have been installed by USH 10/STH 186 intersection.
9. Supervisor Brehm brought up a concern from a business owner along CTH A and the possibility of lowering the speed limit on the slight curves by "Little Bull Falls" tavern. No action was taken by the committee.
10. The Parks & Forestry staff reports were reviewed.
11. Parks & Forestry Director Schooley reviewed the 2 special use permits that were included in the committee packet. Motion by Brehm/Thao to approve the special use permits as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
12. Schooley reviewed the status of the construction of the maintenance building at Powers Bluff, which is almost completed, as well as the pre-bid meeting held for the Shelter House. Several contractors attended that meeting. Bids are now being accepted.
13. Schooley reviewed the status of the remodeling projects being completed on CERA Park and issues that come up are being addressed. The shower building remodel is complete and the shelter building remodel should be completed next week. Cameras are being installed at various points within the park.

14. Forest Administrator Schubert shared a Public Service Commission notice to landowners along the GRID FORWARD CENTRAL WISCONSIN PROJECT outlining the proposed preferred and alternate routes. The alternate route would come along STH 54 through the Towns of Hiles and Dexter, up to Dexter Park. This route would have some concerns as it relates to county forest and park management. As this is the public comment period is going on at present time, committee consensus was to instruct Schubert to draft a letter expressing the management concerns without endorsing either route. He will keep the committee apprised.
15. Schubert presented the bid results from the May Timber Sale. It was noted that only 3 of the 6 tracts sold. Motion by Brehm/Hokamp to award contracts to the highest bidder on those tracts sold, and to direct sale the remaining, if possible. Any tracts left would be re-bid in the future. Motion carried unanimously.
16. Schubert presented two timber contract extensions (#797 & #812) and recommended they be extended with no increase in stumpage. Motion by Hokamp/Thao to approve the extensions as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.
17. There are three members of the Wildlife Advisory Committee whose terms are expiring in June. Two of the members wish to be renominated, Mike Wipfli & Scott McAuley. Motion by Brehm/Hokamp to recommend to the County Board Chair the renomination of Mike Wipfli and Scott McAuley to the Wildlife Advisory Committee. Motion carried unanimously. This will leave a total of two positions vacant.
18. Parks & Forestry revenue reports were reviewed.
19. Motion by Hokamp/Thao to approve the Parks & Forestry vouchers. Motion carried unanimously.
20. Schooley reviewed the various E-Bike classes and how other counties are dealing with this new technology within their parks as it relates to various types of trail access. He will be researching additional counties and bring more information back to the committee to review.
21. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 9th, at 9:00 AM at the Highway Department Conference Room.
22. Chairman Hahn declared the meeting adjourned at 10:33 AM.

Minutes taken by Trent Miner, County Clerk, and are in draft form until approved at the next meeting.

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