

MINUTES
HIGHWAY, INFRASTRUCTURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 2, 2025
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: Highway Dept., Conference Room

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

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 December 5 & 17, 2024 meeting were presented. Hokamp noted the time of the December 5th meeting was 9:00 AM. Motion by Breu/Hokamp to accept the minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.
4. After the last meeting, it was determined that the City of Wisconsin Rapids does not have any ordinance regulating ATV/UTV on city streets, therefore the county is able to unilaterally open CTH Z. Motion by Brehm/Thao to open CTH Z/Griffith Ave. from 20th St. to Sampson. Motion carried 4-1. Voting no was Breu.
5. The Highway Dept. staff reports were highlighted and reviewed. Hawk reviewed the DNR response for the parcel of land located on the corner of CTH A and Richfield Dr. The best way for the county to acquire this land with limited liability to the county for contamination would be through the tax deeding process or through foreclosure. Motion by Breu/Hokamp to authorize the Highway Commission to move forward in securing the parcel under these two circumstances and communicate that with the financial institution holding the mortgage. Motion carried unanimously.
6. The Highway revenue report was reviewed.
7. Motion by Hokamp/Thao to approve the Highway Dept. vouchers. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Highway Commission Hawk reviewed the Marshfield Shop and the restroom set up currently in place. When this shop was built, very few employees used this facility but with the consolidation of shops, there are more employees utilizing the building and there needs to be some upgrades to the restrooms. Motion by Brehm/Breu to approve the bathroom remodel proposed by Hawk, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Highway Commissioner Hawk requested permission, and presented a resolution for, out of state travel for the NACE Board of Directors Legislative Fly In coming up the end of

February. Motion by Hahn/Brehm to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Hawk presented a resolution for an additional step increase for the Highway Commissioner, effective January 1, 2025. Motion by Hokamp/Brehm to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
11. The Parks & Forestry staff reports were reviewed. Forest Administrator Schubert reported that Yoder Logging, who currently own 3 contracts is no longer operating in Wisconsin. He will be working with Corporation Counsel in avenues available for these contracts and will report back to the committee.
12. Schooley reported that the documents relating to CERA Park have been signed and executed by all parties and work is beginning for the 2025 opening. Naming rights were discussed and will be brought back for discussion at a future meeting.
13. The 2025 Parks & Forestry Work Plan resolution was presented. Motion by Breu/Hokamp to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
14. Schubert presented the results of the recent timber bid opening. Of the 5 tracts put out for bid, only 3 were sold. Motion by Brehm/Thao to award contracts to the highest bidders and to rebid the 2 unsold tracts during the spring bidding process. Motion carried unanimously.
15. Parks & Forestry revenue reports were reviewed.
16. Motion by Hokamp/Brehm to approve the Parks & Forestry vouchers. Motion carried unanimously.
17. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 6, 2025, at 9:00 AM at the Highway Department Conference Room.
18. Chairman Hahn declared the meeting adjourned at 9:31 AM.

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

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NAME	REPRESENTING
Jeff Parkover	WCB # 11
Dennis Polach	WCB- 14
Bill Cleary	WRB # 15
CHAD Schooley	P&F
Gavin Hutchinson	WPNR
Roland Hawk	WCH
Fritz Schubert	WCF
Medelyn Palmquist	C/WR Alder
Ed Newton (WebEx)	Finance