

MINUTES HIGHWAY, INFRASTRUCTURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 7, 2024
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Highway Dept., Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jake Hahn, Dave LaFontaine, John Hokamp, Lee Thao, Al Breu

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 February 1, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Motion by LaFontaine/Breu to accept them as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Under correspondence, Hawk reported that Oakdale Electric Coop is interested in purchasing an old road right-of-way along CTH G. More information will follow. Hahn inquired about the road closing on 45th St. in the Town of Grand Rapids and if the county highway department had any part in the road closure. Hawk confirmed that the highway department had no part in deciding to close that road.
5. Hawk brought forward two requests for opening of county roads to ATV traffic.
 - a. CTH Z from Hollywood Road to STH 73
 - b. CTH U from STH 54 to the Village of Biron limitsMotion by LaFontaine/Thao to approve the CTH Z portion outright, and the CTH U portion pending approval of the Town of Grand Rapids ATV Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Chairman Hahn brought a special use permit request forward on agenda. The Young family has requested the use of the Powers Bluff Shelter on either August 10th or 17th for a family reunion. The family had descendants of both the Potawatomi and HoChunk Nation that lived on Skunk Hill back in the early 1900s. Motion by LaFontaine/Hokamp to approve the special use permit with a fee waiver. Motion carried unanimously.
7. The Highway Dept. staff reports were highlighted and reviewed.
8. The Highway revenue report was reviewed.
9. Motion by LaFontaine/Thao to approve the Highway Dept. vouchers. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Hawk reported that the Highway Dept. purchased a used 2018 Kenworth semi tractor to replace the 1987 tractor they currently have. The 1987 unit will be used to do CDL

Training for employees that do not have their CDLs. There are currently 3 volunteers to do training with the new employees. If they are training, they will receive a 10% increase in their hourly wage while they are training. This cost will be included in the promissory note signed by the new employee and paid back if they leave county employment before the allowed time.

11. Hawk reviewed the need for a new paver. The current paver is a 2012 unit that is wearing out. A new unit has a cost of \$600K and is in the CIP for 2026. The lead time for a new paver is 18 months after signing a contract. After review, Hawk recommended a CAT unit, since it is built in the USA and there are technicians as close as Wausau to work on it if needed, and parts are readily available. There is no payment for the new unit until it is delivered. The old unit will be kept as a back up. Motion by LaFontaine/Hokamp to authorize Hawk to sign a contract for the purchase of a new CAT paver. Motion carried unanimously.
12. Quotes were reviewed for aggregate, bituminous material, and cold in place recycle for the 2024 season. Motion by LaFontaine/Breu to accept the bids most advantageous to Wood County. Motion carried unanimously.
13. Hawk reported on the progress on CTH A and the possible jurisdictional transfer with the state for this section of road from STH 73/80 to USH 10. After reviewing the proposal put forth by the state, Hawk determined it is not in the county's best interest to pursue a jurisdictional transfer, to which the committee by consensus agreed. He is looking at funding a rebuild of the road to a slightly lower standard than what the state would require and would like to apply for a grant through Sen. Baldwin for discretionary spending through her office. Motion by Breu/LaFontaine to approve the grant application for CTH A. Motion carried unanimously.
14. The Parks & Forestry staff reports were reviewed.
15. Motion by Thao/Breu to approve the Special Use Permits presented in the packet as well as one for the South Wood County Humane Society fundraiser on September 7th at the South Wood County Park Shelter. Motion carried unanimously.
16. Schooley presented 4 resolution for maintenance and development grants for the snowmobile and ATV trails. Motion by LaFontaine/Thao to approve the resolutions and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
17. Schooley presented 2 resolutions for carryover of funds. Motion by LaFontaine/Hokamp to approve both resolutions and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
18. Schooley presented the bid results for the snowmobile trail crossing construction project (Rudolph-Plum Road). Motion by Hokamp/Thao to approve the low bid of \$99,998 from Earth Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

19. The Wood County Wildlife Area Advisory Committee minutes were reviewed.
20. Parks & Forestry revenue reports were reviewed.
21. Motion by LaFontaine/Breu to approve the Parks & Forestry vouchers. Motion carried unanimously.
22. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 4, 2024 at 9:00 AM at the Highway Department Conference Room.
23. Chairman Hahn declared the meeting adjourned at 10:20 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 |
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| Joe Young | Young Family |
| Jeff Kewzow | #11 |
| Fritz Schubert | Forest Admin |
| Chad Schooley | P&F Director |
| Dennis Polach | WEB #14 |
| Roland Hawk | Hwy Commissioner |
| Ed Newton | Finance Director |
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