

MINUTES

HIGHWAY, INFRASTRUCTURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, September 4, 2025
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: Highway Dept., Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jake Hahn, Al Breu, 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 Brehm/Hokamp to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.
4. The Highway Dept. staff reports were highlighted and reviewed.
5. A licensing agreement with Wilderness Cranberry was reviewed and discussed, whereby allowing the use of a small strip of county forest land that was encroached on by a cranberry marsh when built many years ago. Motion by Breu/Brehm to approve the licensing agreement as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
6. A proposed land trade of county forest from the Nekoosa Marsh Road Cranberry Co., was reviewed with the committee. The appropriate steps are being taken and in progress, but nothing is final as of yet. Committee consensus was to continue moving forward with the required steps.
7. The Highway revenue report was reviewed.
8. Motion by Brehm/Thao to approve the Highway Dept. vouchers. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Highway Commissioner Hawk reviewed the county set back rules that have been in place with the subdivision ordinance passage of 1969. In order for this to be enforceable with the highway department, it is recommended that it become a part of the highway access ordinance. Hawk will be working on this and have a draft to review at the next meeting.
10. Hawk & Accounting Supervisor Peckham reviewed the current status of the 2026 Highway Dept. budget and the variance associated with it. They will continue to work with Finance to come up with a finalized budget that fits more into the parameters.
11. The Parks & Forestry staff reports were reviewed.
12. Schooley gave an update on the status of the Powers Bluff shelter building project, which has begun. He is also meeting with a trail advisor about enhancing the trails at the top of the hill given its historical nature.

13. Schooley gave a report on the current status of CERA Park. A new roof is slated to be put on the shelter house yet this year.
14. The Parks & Forestry revenue reports were reviewed.
15. Motion by Hokamp/Thao to approve Parks & Forestry vouchers. Motion approved unanimously.
16. The committee reviewed the action of the Operations Committee as it relates to the Maintenance Supervisor position upgrade request.
17. The 2026 Parks & Forestry budget administration budget was presented and reviewed by the committee. Explanations were offered for variances.
18. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 2nd, at 8:00 AM at the Highway Department Conference Room.
19. Chairman Hahn declared the meeting adjourned at 10:39 AM.

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

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