

# **MINUTES**

## **HIGHWAY, INFRASTRUCTURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, February 5, 2026  
**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. Under public comment, a resident in the area of CTH AA/Plank Hill shared his appreciation for the expeditiousness of the project and hopes to be able to see progress reports online, which was confirmed.
3. The minutes of the January 8, 2026, meeting were presented. Motion by Brehm/Breu to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
4. The Highway Dept. staff reports were highlighted and reviewed.
5. The Highway revenue report was reviewed.
6. Motion by Hokamp/Thao to approve the Highway Dept. vouchers. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Highway Commissioner Hawk presented a resolution recommended for passage by the Wisconsin Counties Association requesting state leaders to come up with a sustainable, long-term funding mechanism for highways. Motion by Brehm/Hokamp to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Hawk presented an ordinance modification to Ordinance #400 – Speed Limits. The suggestion is to reduce a small portion of CTH B from 55 MPH to 45 MPH due to truck traffic entering along that stretch. Motion by Hokamp/Thao to approve the modification of the ordinance and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Hawk presented a request for a highway set back variance for the Town of Milladore for their town hall on CTH P for the construction of a septic system. Motion by Breu/Brehm to approve the variance as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Hawk presented a bridge bid for a timber bridge in North Wood County Park. The only bid received was from Wheeler Lumber, LLC in the amount of \$129,990.00. Motion by Brehm/Thao to award the bid to Wheeler Lumber, LLC in the amount of \$129,990.00. Motion carried unanimously.
11. Hawk presented two bids for LRIP Project 2023.72.17 (CTH F Cold-in-Place Recycling), received from the following:
  - Mid-State Reclamation, Inc. - \$489,200.00
  - WK Construction, Inc. - \$387,720.00

Motion by Breu/Thao to accept the low bid and award the project to WK Construction, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Hawk presented the culvert quotes for 2026. Motion by Hokamp/Breu to accept the quotes deemed most advantageous to Wood County. Motion carried unanimously.
13. Hawk requested a change in the Highway Dept. PPE Allowance Policy to include the purchase/reimbursement of hands free devices for cell phones, thereby alleviating issues with the current radio system and saving time in the field. Motion by Hahn/Brehm to approve the change in the Highway Dept. PPE Allowance Policy to include hands free devices for cell phones. Motion carried unanimously.
14. The Parks & Forestry staff reports were reviewed.
15. Representatives from the Aqua Skiers were present to request how to be able to move suggested projects for Red Sands beach along and to be able, to apply for grant funding for those projects. The committee recommended them to work with P&F Director Schooley and P&F Construction Supervisor Vollert on specific projects and bring them to the committee for action.
16. Five resolutions were presented for action, those being:
  - Snowmobile Maintenance Funding Request for 2026-2027
  - ATV Trail Maintenance Funding Request
  - New Snowmobile Trail Mile Funding Request
  - Amend 2025 Budget – Parks Administration
  - Amend 2025 Budget – Parks & Forestry Capital ProjectsMotion by Hahn/Breu to approve all resolutions and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
17. Parks & Forestry Construction Supervisor Vollert presented a special use permit for approval:
  - a. Disk Golf Tournaments at North ParkMotion by Hokamp/Thao to approve the special use permits as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
18. Parks & Forestry Director Schooley presented the 2026 Work Plan resolution for the Wood County Forest. This enables application for grant funding. Motion by Thao/Hokamp to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
19. The Wood County Wildlife Advisory Committee have reviewed their current rules of order and have determined that they should be amended to better reflect the needs of the committee. This is done via resolution, which was presented. Motion by Brehm/Breu to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
20. The Parks & Forestry revenue reports were reviewed.
21. Motion by Thao/Hokamp to approve Parks & Forestry vouchers. Motion approved unanimously.
22. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 AM at the Highway Department Conference Room.

23. Chairman Hahn declared the meeting adjourned at 9:43 AM.

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

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