

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MINUTES June 9, 2008

The regular meeting of the Highway Committee was called to order by Chair Orrin Helmer on Monday, June 9th at 9:00 a.m. at Highway Shop I, Green Lake County, Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met.

Present: Orrin Helmer Absent: None
 Bob Krause
 Eugene Henke
 Alma Hedberg

Others Present:

John Selsing, Corporation Counsel
Bob Podgorski, Highway Commissioner
Hannah Lueneburg, Cost Account Clerk
Jason Kauffeld, UW-Extension
Lauree Renaud, Bike foundation, City of Green Lake
Jerry Specht, Markesan
Derek Kavanaugh, Land Conservation Green Lake County

Agenda

Motion/second (Hedberg/Krause) to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Parks Business

Approve Vouchers: Vouchers were presented in the amount of \$ 5449.98.
Motion/second (Krause/Henke) to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Boating flyer for posting in bathrooms for VHS signs
Spraying for tent worms in the parks
Garbage-less parks signs posted by the Green Lake County Highway Dept.
Green Lake Community Foundation letter for the start of the grant

Public Comment

Derek Kavanaugh, Land Conservation – Land conservation will be posting the VHS signs in the bathrooms in the parks.

Appearances

Jason Kauffeld from UW-Extension office, new resource coordinator for UW Extension. Highway commissioner will be forwarding the information for him to apply for grants. He has been contacted by several groups regarding bike paths.

Alma Hedberg – Zobel park and disc golf – She went to two meetings and they need an additional \$200 before they will apply for grants. Marge Bostelman will need to be contacted to clarify the additional funds.

Mr. Blake has marked all the holes. Before anything final happens it needs to be approved by the highway committee. Approximately \$50,000 is needed for funds. 18 holes would be accessible for everyone and 9 holes for handicapped accessible.

Mr. Selsing suggested that if trees are to be cut that the Property and Insurance committee be notified to properly notify the insurance company prior to any cutting.

Mascoutin Recreational Trail

Jason Kauffeld will contact agencies for grant money.

Sunset Park

The boat launches have been poured and the blacktopping needs to be completed yet. The hover craft association would like to donate some money toward an additional 50 foot boat launch and have it dedicated to them.

Another money box is needed for more accessibility is required for easier access for all boat launches.

Disc golf Grant Information

Alma Hedberg and Jason Kauffeld will be working on grants.

Committee Discussion:

None

Minutes

Motion/second (Henke/Hedberg) to approve the meeting minutes of May 12, 2008. Motion carried.

Correspondence

TDA newsletter

Informer from the Highway Association

Public Comments

None

Appearances

Jerry Specht – Bike lanes on County Highways – he is requesting that the bike lanes be completed on CTH B and CTH H with the current construction in 2008. Roads that do not have paved shoulders are deteriorating and are a concern of bikers.

Lauree Renaud, chairman on the bike federation for the City of Green Lake – STH 23 bike path for the reconstruction of STH 23 from South Lawson to the American Baptist Assembly. 60,000 people visit the ABA annually and the residents of Green Lake will benefit. The DOT is working on the engineering plans to extend the bike path from North Street to the Green Lake Conference Center.

The riders will be bringing in tourism dollars to the community and will be a tremendous asset, approximately \$9 back for every \$1 spent.

Underpass culvert and overpass routes to route traffic across STH 23 are options for a safer route across

the STH 23.

The state will build the path, but not maintain the path. The County, the Town of Brooklyn or the City of Green Lake will need to sign off on the maintenance.

Jason Kauffeld – Fond du Lac County spends \$10,000 annually on maintaining their 100 miles of bike paths.

STH 23 Bike Path

The highway committee will be involved with the City of Green Lake and the Town of Brooklyn, but, at this time, will not sign off on the maintenance agreement.

A separate fund designated for biking would be beneficial for maintenance for all bike paths.

Motion/second (Krause/Henke) to table STH 23 bike path.

Vouchers

Vouchers were presented for \$ 122,246.09

Motion/second (Hedberg/Krause) to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$ 122,246.09. Motion carried.

Commissioner's Report

The report was sent to the Committee.

Review Crash Data and Locations

The committee reviewed the data. 2 weather related, 4 other, 6 deer crashes.

Change Valve On Fuel System

Shop 1 in Green Lake is having problems with the unleaded pump vapor-locking. The valve should be changed in Shop 1 and Shop 2 to prevent the pump locking up. It would be \$1440 for both locations and would be paid for with the \$.10 handling fee/gallon.

Motion/second (Krause/Henke) to approve the new valves installed in Shop 1 and Shop 2 for the unleaded pumps.

Bike Lanes On CTH B

Resolution 4-2008 stated that Mr. Specht told the County Board that the 2008 projects would be exempt because of the budget being set already. Highway Committee has a set budget already for the 2008 re-construction.

Motion/second (Krause/Henke) to not construct the bike lanes on CTH B or CTH H in the 2008 re-construction budget.

Union Posting For Grader Operator Position

A general laborer posted internally for the grader operator position. He has 15 days to pass and approve

the new position by June 25th.

Filling Of Truck Driver/Laborer Union Position

Moved for a later date after the grader operator position is finalized.

Review Refund Balance And Equipment Analysis Report

The committee reviewed these two reports.

DOT Request For Services

None

Closed Session

Motion/second (Krause/Hedberg) to move into closed session per ss. 19.85(1)(c) for evaluations, Roll call vote, 4 ayes – 0 nays, motion carried.

Resume Open Session

Motion/second (Krause/Henke) to resume open session. Roll call vote, 4 ayes – 0 nays, motion carried.

Announce Findings Of Closed Session

Motion/second (Hedberg/Krause) to approve the evaluations for Steve Otto and Barry Mashuda and send them to their personnel files. Motion carried.

Field Road Review

Lots of storm damage from the storm from Saturday June 7th and Sunday June 8th. Many roads were closed due to water over roads.

Committee Discussion

Highway Commissioner Mr. Podgorski will be speaking to the state regarding the STH 23 bike path plan. Mr. Henke would like to have more opportunities for the youth of Green Lake County.

Future agenda items for action:

None

Special meeting date: June 23, 2008 at 9:00 A.M. for Administrative office position interviews.

Regular meeting date: July 14, 2008 at 9:00 A.M.

Adjournment

Motion/second (Henke/Krause) to adjourn at 11:15 A.M. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Hannah Lueneburg