GREEN LAKE COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MINUTES
Monday, January 14, 2008
9:00 A.M.

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Helmer at 9:00 A.M.

Members present: Orrin Helmer, Carol Myers, and Bob Krause.

Member Absent: Orville Biesenthal & Dennis Galatowitsch.

Non-member present:

Certification of the open meeting law: The open meeting law was met by publication in the official county newspaper.

Approval of agenda: Motion/Second (Krause/Myers) to approve the agenda. (3 Ayes, 2 Absent) Motion carried.

Parks Business:

Approve Vouchers: Motion/Second (Krause/Helmer) to approve January 14, 2008 vouchers for payment in the amount of $898.66. (3 Ayes/2 Absent) Motion carried.

Correspondence: None.

Parks Public Comment: None.

Parks Appearances: Karlene Graber from the Community Foundation made a presentation to the Highway Committee regarding setting up and starting a foundation for the Parks.

Resolution Mascoutin Trail: The resolution was passed at the County Board Meeting in December and has been sent to Chris Halburg at the DNR for their approval.

Supervisor Galatowitsch arrived at 9:10 A.M.

Spring Lake: The committee looked at buoys & discussed which would be the best option.
Zobel Park: The hill is being used for sledding. Cindy from Ayres & Associated sent some information for the committee regarding park improvement funding for the disc golf & bathrooms.

Boat Launch fees: Collected to date, $5,855.60.

Garbage Less Parks: No action was taken.

Review Boat Launch Policy & Donation Fees: Motion/Second (Galatowitsch/ Krause) to increase the suggested boat launch donations to $5.00 and have signs made. (4 Ayes/ 1 Absent) Motion carried.

Committee discussion: None.

The meeting was turned back to Highway business.

Approval of minutes: Motion/Second (Galatowitsch/ Myers) to approve the minutes for December 10, 2007. (4 Ayes/ 1 Absent) Motion carried.

Correspondence: Cream City Scales sent a thank You letter. The WCHA/ WCA “Capital Days will be held in Madison on February 20 & 21. There was an update sent for the general transportation aids. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation sent a letter stating the Routine Maintenance Agreements in 2008 will be arriving late due to the budget being signed late. TDA sent a letter asking if we will be renewing our membership in 2008. TDA membership will be on the agenda for next month’s meeting.

Public Comment: None.

Appearances: Keith Nikolay from Ayres & Associates reported on Badger Mining progress with extending the pit. Ayres & Associates is also asking for a contract for 2008 for professional services. This will be on the agenda next month.

Signing of vouchers: Motion/Second (Myers/ Galatowitsch) to approve 2007 vouchers for payment in the amount of $305,197.50 ($213,007.16 County, $91,300.54 State, $889.80 others.) & 2008 vouchers for payment in the amount of $28,394.08 ($28,323.86 County, $70.22 State, $0.00 others.) (4 Ayes/ 1 Absent) Motion carried.

Driveway Variance on CTH F: No action was taken.

Vacation Extension: Motion/Second (Galatowitsch/ Krause) to recommend to personnel to allow Commissioner Podgorski to carry over 5 vacation days. (4 Ayes/ 1 Absent) Motion carried.
Leave of Absence: No discussion was held.

Commissioner Report: There has been patching done on County Roads. The crews plowed & cleaned up after recent snow & ice hit the area.

Review Snow Plowing Policy regarding Fire Emergencies: After Committee discussion the Highway Committee decided to keep the current policy the same. They will look at the way the letter reads next month.

Carp Barrier on CTH K & CTH A: A discussion was held.

CTH B Reconstruction: A discussion was held.

Bid opening at 10:00 A.M. for:

Tri-Axle Cab & Chassis
Truck Country: $97,088.00.
Packer City International: $91,824.00.

Outfitting of Truck with Snow Plowing Equipment:
Monroe Truck & Equipment: $74,884.00.

Motion/Second (Myers/ Krause) to recommend to Property & Insurance Committee to accept the lowest bid as long as it meets specifications from Packer City & Monroe Truck & Equipment. (4 Ayes/ 1 Absent) Motion carried.

Review crash data and locations: 28 reports received, 10 other, 3 weather, 15 deer versus car.

Review Fund Balance and Equipment Analysis Reports: The committee reviewed these two reports.

DOT Request for services: None.

Move into closed session under State Statue (19.85) (1) (c) and (f) for personnel matters including evaluations: Motion/ Second (Myers/ Galatowitsch) to go into closed session. (4 Ayes/ 1 Absent) Motion carried. Roll call vote taken. (4 Ayes/ 1 Absent) Motion carried.

Move back into open session to disclose findings of closed session: Motion/Second (Galatowitsch/ Krause) to return to open session. (4 Ayes/ 1 Absent) Roll call vote taken. Motion carried. Motion/ Second (Myers/ Krause) to approve evaluations for Keipe & John Chappa and send to their personnel file, and approve the evaluation for Commissioner Podgorski and send to personnel Committee. (4 Ayes/ 1 Absent) Motion carried.
Field Road Review: None.

Committee Discussion: The Commissioner discussed the possibility of not buying any new equipment in 2009 and using the equipment money for reconstruction.

Future Meeting Date: Monday, January 14, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. at the Highway Building in Green Lake. Since there was no further business to come before the committee there was a Motion/Second (Myers/ Galatowitsch) to adjourn at 1:00 P.M. (4 Ayes/ 1 Absent) Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Michelle Burk, Cost Account Clerk

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Green Lake County Highway Commissioner