

September 13, 2010

The regular meeting of the Highway Committee was called to order by Chair Eugene Henke at 9:00 AM on Monday, September 13, 2010. The requirements of the Open Meeting Law were certified as being met.

Present: Eugene Henke
Alma Hedberg
Ricky Perr (Excused 11:00 AM)
Donald Peters

Absent:

Others Present: Robert Podgorski, Highway Commissioner
Becky Pence, Administrative Assistant
Margaret Whirry, Alternate
Dan Priske, County Board Chair
Tony Daley, TheBerlin Journal Co.

Agenda

Motion/second (Hedberg/Perr) to approve the Agenda. Motion Carried.

Minutes

Motion/second (Peters/Hedberg) to approve the meeting Minutes of August 9, 2010. Motion Carried.

Public Comments None

Correspondence

Ayres Associates email regarding Badger Mining; TDA Newsletters; WCHA Informer; John Selsing letter regarding Affeldt Appeal #2009AP002315-FT; ATSSA report on raw materials shortages.

Appearances

Quirn Klink, MSA Professional Services explained their services to the committee members. Keith Nikolay, Ayres Associates explained the proposed crossing for CTH JJ, Badger Mining.

Monthly Vouchers

Motion/second (Perr/Hedberg) to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$658,134.56. Motion Carried.

Commissioner's Report

Robert Podgorski reported the crews paved CTH H & B for recon, surface CTH H and CTH B from CTH N to O North, paver patching CTH N from CTH B to STH 44, mowed for Town of Brooklyn and county roads, hauled for Columbia County and Marquette County, and maintained waysides.

DOT Request for Services None

Driveway Variance CTH DD, Dave Armatoski

Dave Armatoski explained an apparent miscommunication between himself and the Town of St. Marie Chairman regarding the current driveway installed on CTH DD & Pond Lilly Road. Robert Podgorski recommended to not grant the driveway variance as the sight distance is illegal. Discussion was held regarding reducing the speed limit by 10 mph to improve sight distance, and the situation is unique in nature as the driveway installed was actually an improvement. The committee members would like to see the driveway before making any decision.

CTH E Drainage Problem

Robert Podgorski explained a culvert is needed on CTH F west of Berlin to relieve the water problem. Committee members decided to include CTH F on the road review.

Badger Mining, CTH JJ

Keith Nikolay, Ayres Associates explained his recommendation of softening of the curb for the road crossing on CTH JJ. Donald Peters would like to look at during the road review. Discussion was held on Matt Hess of Badger Mining to appear at the October meeting.

Equipment Analysis

The Committee reviewed the Equipment Analysis Report.

Expenditure / Revenue Summary Report

The Committee reviewed the Expenditure & Revenue Summary Report.

Railroad Consortium

Eugene Henke indicated that Bader Mining will be adding onto the spur. Committee members were informed that 6 out of 9 counties, the funding comes out of the Highway budget, and 2 counties get funds out the Economic Development budget.

Roadeo, September 30th w/Waushara County at Green Lake

Robert Podgorski invited the Committee members to the Roadeo being held at Green Lake on September 30, 2010, starting at 8:00 am.

Safety Day – Dalton, October 16, 2010

Letter was reviewed regarding the Safety Day on October 16, 2010 where the Dalton Volunteer Fire Department asked the Highway Department to participate by bringing equipment down and explaining safety aspects.

Motion/second (Perr/Hedberg) to approve a volunteer from the Highway Department to participate in Dalton's Safety Day on October 16, 2010 with approved call in pay per union contract. Motion Carried.

WCA Educational Seminar, Waukesha, October 18, 2010

No Committee Members will attend.

2010 WCA Conference Resolutions

Dan Piske and Donald Peters will attend the September 27-28, 2010 WCA Conference for the 2010 Resolutions.

2011 Budget None

Closed Session

Motion/Second (Peters/Perr) to move into Closed Session per ss19.85(1)c: Personnel Matters, Employee Evaluations. Roll-Call Vote, 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried.

Resume Open Session

Motion/Second (Hedberg/Peters) to move into open session. Roll-Call Vote, 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried.

Announce Findings of Closed Session

Motion/Second (Hedberg/Peters) to accept the evaluations of Kevin Keipe, State Patrolman and Doug Lichtenburg, Laborer and to forward onto their personnel file. Discussion was held regarding Doug Lichtenberg retirement notification. Motion Carried.

Crash Data and Locations

Committee reviewed 10 deer related accidents, 0 weather related accidents, and 14 other related accidents.

Committee Discussion None

Field Road Review

Committee Members left for field road review at 11:00 from Green Lake County Highway Department,

Green Lake, WI. (Ricky Perr was excused).

CTH F, West of Berlin Culvert to relieve water problem.

Motion/second (Henke/Peters) to approve installing culvert for drainage on CTH F, West of Berlin in order to relieve water problem. Motion Carried.

CTH DD, Dave Armatoski driveway.

Motion/second (Henke/Hedberg) to approve reducing the speed limit from 55 mph to 45 mph in order to improve sight distance. Motion Carried.

CTH N between CTH B & STH 44 - poor road condition.

Motion/second (Hedberg/Peters) to approve paving CTH N between CTH B & STH 44. Motion Carried.

CTH O from CTH X to CTH AW – very poor road condition.

Robert Podgorski related to the Committee Members that the budget will be exceeded during this project.

Motion/second (Hedberg/Peters) to approve paving CTH O from CTH X to CTH AW. Motion Carried.

CTH JJ

Robert Podgorski will get back with the Committee after speaking to Ayres Associates regarding the sight distance to driveway.

CTH H, 3.0 miles, reconstruction from STH 73 to STH 44, Town of Green Lake was reviewed.

Future agenda items for action and discussion:

- **Regular meeting date:** October 11, 2010 at 9:00 AM
- **2011 Budget**
- **Lichtenberg retirement**

Adjournment

Motion/second (Henke/Hedberg) to adjourn at 1:50 PM. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Becky Pence
Administrative Assistant