



# GREEN LAKE COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

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## GREEN LAKE COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, May 14, 2007  
9:00 A.M.

**Meeting called to order** by Chairman Helmer at 9:10 A.M.

**Members present:** Orrin Helmer, Dennis Galatowitsch, and Carol Myers.

**Member Absent:** Orville Biesenthal, Bob Krause.

**Non-member present:** Robert Podgorski, Highway Commissioner; Michelle Burk, Cost Account Clerk; Charles Swartz & Bob Pribnow, Berlin Conservation Club; Brian Retzlaff, Retzlaff Trucking; Gene Hilke, Dale Ellie, Paul Pitre, Richard Panten, Twin Lakes Association; Chris Blum, Short Elliot Hendrickson.

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

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

### **Parks Business:**

**Approve Vouchers:** Motion/Second (Galatowitsch/ Helmer) to approve May 14, 2007 vouchers for payment in the amount of \$1,527.50. (3 Ayes/ 2 Absent) Motion carried.

**Parks Public Comment:** Paul Petri from the Twin Lakes Association would like to see improvement made out at the landing. They have obtained 364 signatures requesting the County to look into improving the boat launch & landing area at Twin Lakes. B & G Sporting Goods owner, Gene Hilke, states that his business is losing business because people can't access the boat launch & landing area. He states that it is too narrow & there are potholes where you back the boat in. He feels that people will go other places if the landing & launch are not fixed.

**Parks Appearances:** None.

**Berlin Trail:** Motion/Second (Galatowitsch/ Helmer) to allow Charles Schwartz from the Berlin Conservation Club to speak on the updates for the Berlin Trail. (3

Ayes/2 Absent) Motion carried. Schwartz stated that the paperwork is done on moving the easement off the trail. The BCC voted to pay for 50% of the entire cost of the product. Mr. Schwartz wanted the committee to know that the DNR budget period ends June 30. He questioned the possibility of getting any funds from the area snowmobile clubs, since they use the trail in the winter. He stated that the book should be done in about a week. They will get it to Supervisor Myers.

**Dodge Park:** Parking has been an issue in the past. There is a possibility of parking across the road from the current parking lot. Discussion of recommending to the adjoining church, the consideration of allowing vehicles to park in its lot, possibly for a donation, also took place.

**Sunset Park:** The new pier and launch will be bid next month.

**Twin Lakes:** Supervisor Myers read the letters that had been received from the DNR. Motion/Second (Helmer/Galatowitsch) to allow Paul Petri to speak on behalf of the Twin Lakes Association. The DNR has stated that it will not allow the cattails to be cut. The committee has agreed to fix the hole in the boat launch ramp this spring.

**Zobel Park:** Supervisor Myers stated that she received a letter from Bob Hoffman stating that he was in support of disc golf to be placed at the park. Supervisor Myers stated that she has checked the deed and resolution of the park, and both would allow disc golf to be placed in Zobel Park. Corp Counsel, John Selsing agreed. Supervisor Myers has also talked with several people at the High School and they are interested in using the course for educational purposes.

**Fish Virus-VHS Virus:** Commissioner Podgorski contacted the DNR. They advised to wait to place any signs at the parks regarding the contamination of the local waters.

**Committee discussion:** Commissioner Podgorski reported on the Ordinance that Winnebago County has in place to have no garbage allowed in the parks. The committee recommended this be placed on the August agenda and they will look at changing the current policy and ordinance.

The meeting was turned back to Highway business.

**Approval of minutes:** Motion/Second (Myers/ Galatowitsch) to approve the minutes for April 9 & April 30, 2007. (3 Ayes/ 2 Absent) Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** Wyatt Wandusee sent a letter requesting permission to park his semi trailer at shop II. The Committee has requested this be placed on the next agenda.

**Public Comment:** Brian Retzlaff asked the committee to work with existing driveways with some understanding regarding the new ordinance that is now in effect. He stated he understands how it applies to new driveways but asks the committee to consider his driveway variance request.

**Appearances:** Chris Blum from Short Elliot Hendrickson wanted to remind the committee that his company does bridge work, bridge inspections, and other transportation projects.

**Signing of vouchers:** Motion/Second (Myers/ Galatowitsch to approve May 14, 2007 vouchers for payment in the amount of \$159,587.99 (\$157,730.48 County, \$409.41 State, \$1,448.10 others.) (3 Ayes/ 2 Absent) Motion carried.

**Commissioner Report:** CTH X has been shouldered for the detour route. Reconstruction on CTH B & CTH PP has been started. The state wayside has been opened. The county parks are open for the season. CTH HH and other various roads have been shouldered.

**Salt Bids for 2007 & 2008:** The State bid is \$40.82. The bid from Cargill is \$41.99. Motion /Second (Myers/ Galatowitsch) to accept the state bid of \$40.82 for the 2007-2008 season. (3 Ayes/ 2 Absent) Motion carried.

**Impound area on Highway Grounds:** This should be placed back on the agenda next month. Commissioner Podgorski should contact Jeff Hoffman in regard to the decision made by the fair committee.

**Badger Mining in regard to CTH JJ:** This was tabled for the road review.

**Emergency Snow Plowing:** The committee discussed the current policy. The committee advised that there would be no changes to the current policy.

**Move Over Law from WI DOT:** Commissioner Podgorski explained that there would be bumper stickers placed on the County vehicles for this new law.

**Report on Legislative Breakfast:** Commissioner Podgorski & Supervisor Galatowitsch gave reports regarding the legislative breakfast.

**Summer Highway Conference June 11, 12, & 13 in Wisconsin Dells:** Motion/Second (Myers/ Galatowitsch) to allow Commissioner Podgorski to attend the conference with 3 overnight stays and to allow Supervisor Helmer to attend the conference with 1 over night stay according to County Policy. (3 Ayes/ 2 Absent) Motion carried.

**Wayne Banaszak driveway variance:** Motion/Second (Galatowitsch/ Myers) after touring the property on the road tour to deny the variance request for the driveway entrance on CTH E & CTH F. (3 Ayes/ 2 Absent) Motion carried.

**Brian Retzlaff driveway variance:** Motion/Second (Galatowitsch/ Myers) after touring the property on the road tour to deny the variance request for the driveway unless he removes the current driveway. (3 Ayes/ 2 Absent) Motion carried.

**CTH K Bridge Bid Date:** The bid date is set for June 12, 2007.

**Review crash data and locations:** 64 reports received, 20 other, 13 weather, 31 deer versus car.

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

**DOT Request for services:** Motion/Second (Galatowitsch/Myers) to sign the Discretion Maintenance Agreement for bridge deck repair in the amount of \$4,000.00. (3 Ayes/2 Absent) Motion carried.

**Move into closed session under State Statue (19.85) (1) (c) and (f) for personnel matters including evaluations.** No closed session took place.

**Field Road Review:** This is scheduled for June 4, 2007, 9:00 A.M; at the Green Lake County Highway Building.

**Committee Discussion:** None.

**Future agenda items:** Bonding for road repair;

**Future Meeting Date:** Monday, June 11, 2007 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 (Galatowitsch/ Myers) to adjourn at 11:00 A.M. (3 Ayes/ 2 Absent) Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Michelle Burk, Cost Account Clerk

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