

Members Present: Jeanette Bomberg, Larry Neuens and Ed Kelley (fill in to make a quorum).

Members Absent: Don Gardner, Gary Steber and John Halada were excused.

Others Present: Jeff DeMuri and Francie Freeberg.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Neuens.

Approval and/or revisions to current agenda: A motion was made by Bomberg, seconded by Kelley and voted three (3) to zero (0) to approve the agenda as submitted.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Bomberg, seconded by Neuens and voted three (3) to zero (0) to approve the minutes of the December 15th, 2014 regular Highway Committee meeting and the December 22nd, 2014 and January 7th, 2015 Ad-Hoc Highway Committee meeting, as presented.

Old Business

Cold Storage Building: DeMuri has been in contact with the contractor for the construction of the cold storage building and they probably will not be doing anything before spring. He also informed the Committee that he is in the process of getting quotes for installation of electricity in the building.

CTH “N” Bonding Project: Curve re-alignment and Ox Bowl ATV Trail: The plans for this section of the construction project are complete. DeMuri said that he will be meeting with personnel from Northeast Asphalt on Wednesday. He will be getting estimates from Coleman Engineering for this section. When Northeast Asphalt gives him a quote for this work, they may have to do a change order and/or negotiate the bid price for this work. Our crews will be starting to pull stumps in this area sometime this week.

Building maintenance:

Discussion and/or action on the bids for the Salt Shed Roofs: Bids were opened on December 22nd for the replacement of the roofs on our salt sheds in Florence. Five requests for bids were received but only four of the firms submitted bids. A summary of the bids was given to the committee. After discussion, it was moved by Kelley, seconded by Bomberg and voted two (2) to zero (0) to accept the low bid of \$16,562.75 for both sheds, from Geno Neuens. Larry Neuens abstained from voting. Motion carried.

Discussion and/or action on the bids for the Roof of the Highway Office/Shop: Lake States Roofing and Markell Company were the only two bidders for the replacement of the roof on the main highway shop. Lake States bid \$68,689 with a 15 year warranty and Markell Company bid \$59,480 with a 20 year warranty. Both of these bids are for TPO and are mechanically fastened. Lake States Roofing did put in an option for Duro-Last at an additional cost of \$7,200. After discussion it was moved by Bomberg, seconded by Kelley and voted three (3) to zero (0) to accept the bid from Markell Company for \$59,480.

New Business

Update of Winter Highway Conference: Both Neuens and DeMuri attended the Winter Highway Conference. They both felt that it was a good conference. DeMuri sits on the Utility Committee and discussion was had about making the “as-builts” on construction plans using the X-Y-Z coordinates. This may come a reality in the future. The DOT discussed options for getting more money into the Transportation Fund including taxing miles driven in Wisconsin by Wisconsin residents. They are not keen about raising fuel taxes. Neuens said that he was interested in a new product called “Bioseal” that is put on top of new blacktop. Unfortunately it is not cost feasible. Discussions were had on how/when roads are plowed and the State likes to have 18 hours of coverage on Florence County State roads. During snow storms the crew will start at 4 AM and if they had to work 18 hours that means they would be on the road until 10 PM. The operators would still need to get home, grab a bite to eat and get to sleep before the next

shift at 4 AM. if needed. Discussions were had about the differences between counties such at Florence and Marinette and should the highway committees or highway commissioners be determining the type of equipment needed for the department. PBM projects were another topic of discussion. DeMuri reminded the committee that we have a PBM project for 6-1/2 miles of shouldering on STH '70'.

Enforcing of Weight Limits: Currently David Gribble is the only person in our Sheriff's Department that is trained to enforce weight limits and Ben Neuens will be trained as time allows. There is a new State Patrol officer that will be working in Florence County and also a new weight person to help with the enforcement of weight limits. Usually once word gets out that weight limits are being enforced in an area, the truckers start to abide with the laws. Bomberg suggested inviting the new weight enforcement person to a Highway Committee meeting to explain the laws.

Adjourn to Closed Session: It was then moved by Kelley, seconded by Bomberg and voted three (3) to zero (0) to adjourn to closed session pursuant to:

1. WI State Stat. §§ 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.
2. WI State Stat. §§ 19.85(1)(c) and (f) Consideration of specific personnel concerns.

The Committee reconvened to open session and there was not action taken.

Commissioner's Report: DeMuri said that he hoped to have our new tandem truck in service by the end of the week. We had to get a new computer controller installed and there were some other issues with the truck equipment and Monroe fixed them.

Distribute monthly financial statements: After review of the monthly financial statement by Freeberg, it was moved by Bomberg, seconded by Kelley and voted three (3) to zero (0) to approve the report as submitted.

Present bills: There were two lists of bills presented to the Committee for review. One was for 2014 accounts payables and one for 2015 expenses. After review of the two lists, it was moved by Bomberg, seconded by Kelley and voted three (3) to zero (0) to approve the 2014 Accounts Payables not to exceed \$19,369.22 and the 2015 bills not to exceed \$26,438.54.

Committee Members comments, concerns and future agenda items: Neuens asked about snowmobile crossings in the area and by Gribble's house. He also mentioned that CTH "N" seems to be excessively bumpy right now. Kelley asked about when US '2' is scheduled for resurfacing and was informed 2017. Next month's agenda will include quotes for electric service to the cold storage building, gravel needs and other equipment purchases.

Adjourn to next regular meeting: There being no further business it was moved by Kelley, seconded by Bomberg and voted three (3) to zero (0) to adjourn to February 9th, 2015 for the next regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Francie Freeberg,
Office Manager