

Members Present: Jeanette Bomberg, Don Gardner and Gary Steber.

Members Absent: Larry Neuens and John Halada were both excused.

Others Present: Jeff DeMuri and Francie Freeberg.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steber.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Bomberg, seconded by Gardner and voted three (3) to zero (0) to approve minutes of the January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 regular Highway Committee meeting and the Ad-Hoc Bid Opening on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

### **Old Business**

**Cold Storage Building:** The contractor for the cold storage building doesn't want to start the building until we get some warmer weather. DeMuri contacted five (5) electrical firms for quotes to install electric service on the cold storage building. He receive only four quotes back. They were as follows:

Douglas Electric, Niagara, WI	\$ 7,260.00
A & M Buildings, Seymour, WI	\$ 7,177.50
G. Brooks Electric, Kingsford, MI	\$ 7,950.00
Demko Electric, Florence, WI	\$ 6,200.00

After discussion regarding the electrical quotes, it was moved by Gardner, seconded by Bomberg and voted three (3) to zero (0) to set a time frame for completion of the electrical service and accept the quote from Demko Electric.

**CTH "N" Bonding Project:** Curve re-alignment and Ox Bowl ATV Trail: DeMuri said after contacting Diggers Hotline they found out that there is Fiber Optic buried on the East side of CTH "N" in the area of the realignment work. It belongs to Nsight (formerly Niagara Telephone). DeMuri has been in contact with them and told them the cable will need to be relocated during the construction process. Normally this is a cost that is taken up by the utility company involved. He will be meeting with them to discuss the situation. DeMuri did meet with Northeast Asphalt regarding the dirt work in that area. So far he has not heard back from them.

### **New Business**

**Discussion and/or action on the bids for the purchase of one hydraulic angle broom:** There were bids opened today for the purchase of one hydraulic angle broom. Three bidders submitted a total of five (5) bids. FABCO Equipment submitted a bid on a Caterpillar, MB, and Holms broom. Nortrax bid an MB broom and Aring Equipment bid a Holms and an MB broom. The prices ranged from \$9,035.00 to \$16,435.00 for the base broom. Please see the minutes of the Ad-Hoc Committee meeting for a complete summary of bids submitted. There was an optional watering system included in all bids. Upon analysis of the watering system it was felt that this would not be needed at this time. Don asked about our existing broom and was informed that we have a rigid type broom and it does wear the broom out very quickly compared to what a "floating" broom is supposed to do. The Holms broom is supposed to be a very good broom but it is manufactured overseas, so there was some concern about getting parts when needed. FABCO Equipment was low bidder on all three makes of brooms bid. After discussion and review of the bid summary, it was moved by Gardner, seconded by Bomberg and voted three (3) to zero (0) to order the Caterpillar broom from FABCO equipment for \$13,025.00.

**Other equipment purchases:** DeMuri said that we are in need of a new Air Compressor for the shop as the one we have can't air up a tire on a dump truck. Thus he received some quotes on a new one and ended up ordering one from Appleton Compressor Service. He is also looking for a used tar kettle for sealing cracks. He found one for \$30,000, with 2,100 hours on it. There is also one on the internet for less money and with only 600 hours on it. Another thing that came up this year is that Florence Utility has a dozer available because it was originally purchased by them with a guaranteed buy back. When DeMuri talked to Bob Friberg last year he was told that this deal would be available in 2016.

Unfortunately, it is actually up this year.

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Considerable discussion was had regarding our options and those of Florence Utility. It was moved by Bomberg, seconded by Gardner and voted three (3) to zero (0) to table discussion on this until next month. This will give DeMuri time to prepare a list of equipment needs and to prioritize it. Another item budgeted for was a portable auger system for installing signs. The state sign posts are supposed to be installed four (4) feet deep and currently we use a manual post-hole digger and most signs are installed at a depth of approximately two (2) feet. Someone mentioned that Florence Utility was also considering getting rid of their digger truck, and maybe that is something we should be looking at.

**Summer Help:** DeMuri explained that with the upcoming work this summer he would again need some summer help. It was then moved by Bomberg, seconded by Gardner and voted three (3) to zero (0) to authorize him to attend a Personnel Committee meeting and ask for permission to get the summer help.

**Gravel Crushing:** The Forestry Department has a project coming up on the ATV/Snowmobile trail from the Menominee River Bridge to Old 69. We will need approximately 6,000 cubic yards of material. Thus, DeMuri will be asking for quotes for crushing of this gravel. He is also considering getting quotes for the crushing of gravel in both the "C" and "D" pits as we'll be depleting our existing stockpiles sometime in the near future. The Forestry Dept. is also considering crushing of some gravel in the CTH "C" pit.

**Commissioner's Report:** Since we haven't had so much snow this past month the crew has been working on brushing in the area of the curve re-alignment on CTH "N". Our new dump truck is now road ready. The operator reported that it is working well.

**Distribute monthly financial statements:** Freeberg presented the committee with a financial statement of our cash flow. She got a report this afternoon from the courthouse, which she reconciles with, and said that there was a discrepancy and she could not figure it out in time for the meeting. It was moved by Bomberg, seconded by Gardner and voted three (3) to zero (0) to table action on this until she can reconcile the report with the County Clerk's Office.

**Present bills:** The current monthly bills were presented to the Committee. After review of the bills, it was moved by Gardner, seconded by Bomberg and voted three (3) to zero (0) to approve payment of the bills not to exceed \$53,396.72.

**Committee Members comments, concerns and future agenda items:** Next month's agenda should include discussions and/or action regarding the bulldozer, CTH "N" project, gravel crushing and equipment purchases.

**Adjourn to next regular meeting:** There being no further business, it was moved by Gardner, seconded by Bomberg and voted three (3) to zero (0) to adjourn to March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 for the next regular highway meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Office Manager