

**Regular Meeting  
Highway Committee  
May 9th, 2016**

Members Present: Gary Steber, Jeanette Bomberg, Larry Neuens, Fran Modschiedler, and Larry Dzekute.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Jeff DeMuri and Tiffany White

The meeting was called to order by Jeff DeMuri.

**Election of Committee Chairman:** A motion was made by Bomberg, seconded by Neuens to nominate Gary Steber as Committee Chairman. There were no more nominations and the committee members cast a unanimous vote for Steber as Chairman.

DeMuri then turned the meeting over to Chairman Steber.

**Election of Committee Vice Chairman:** It was then moved by Bomberg, seconded by Neuens to nominate Larry Dzekute as Committee Vice Chairman. There were no more nominations and the committee members present cast a unanimous vote for Dzekute as Vice Chairman.

**Approval and/or revisions to current agenda:** A motion was made by Dzekute, seconded by Neuens, and voted unanimous to approve the agenda as submitted.

**Approval of Minutes:** It was then moved by Dzekute, seconded by Neuens, and voted unanimous to approve the minutes of the April 11<sup>th</sup> Highway Committee meeting.

### **Old Business**

**Discussion and/or Action on Occasional Labor for the summer:** DeMuri said that Pat Smith will be setting up interviews with the applicants for the Occasional Labor position. Bomberg mentioned that a representative from both the Highway Committee and the Forestry Committee should be in attendance at the interviews.

### **New Business**

**Summer Road School:** The Wisconsin County Highway Association is having the Summer Road School in Wisconsin Dells on Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. The registration deadline is May 14<sup>th</sup>. So, if a board member is interested in attending, they need to let Jeff or Tiffany know ASAP.

**CTH N ATV trail:** DeMuri wanted to address the recent issue with the CTH N ATV Trail. The trail runs along Highway N and in one spot is particularly close to the pavement. Since the re-pavement, there is now a significant drop between the height of the pavement and the trail, which poses a safety hazard to the driving public. DeMuri had his crew fill in the drop off last November and then placed barricades to keep ATV's off the trail. The Forestry & Parks Dept. was notified that the trail would not be able to continue running in that spot and they are working with a landowner to see if the ATV trail can follow the same route as the snowmobile trail. Neuens asked if installing a guardrail between the road and trail would be sufficient, but DeMuri said that is unlikely due to the fact that it wouldn't be a light break. DeMuri mentioned that he has since took down the barricades and stressed we need to find another solution for this safety concern.

**Wage Adjustment – Occasional Labor:** The Highway Dept. currently has an occasional laborer whose wage is not on par with his skill level. When the position was advertised, it was for a wage range of \$10.50-\$15 per hour based on qualifications. . The employee was started at the lower end of that range, but after re-evaluating his skills and years of experience DeMuri believes he should be at the high end of that range, instead. A motion was made by Bomberg, seconded by Neuens, and voted

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Unanimous to bring this to the personnel committee.

**Distribute monthly financial statements:** The monthly financial report was presented by White. Upon review, it was moved by Dzekute, seconded by Modschiedler and voted unanimous to approve the report as presented.

**Present bills:** The current monthly bills were presented to the Committee for their review. After review and discussion of the bills, it was moved by Bomberg, seconded by Neuens and voted unanimous to approve payment of the bills not to exceed \$79,187.69.

**Committee Members comments, concerns and future agenda items:** Neuens mentioned an article he had read that according to the DOT the “lifetime” of a road is 200 years. The Wisconsin County Highway Association is disputing that conclusion and feel that it is due to the fact that the tax on fuel hasn’t been rising and at the same time, cars are becoming more fuel efficient, so there is less money available for upkeep/repair/construction. There are meetings planned to discuss this issue and how to resolve it.

**Adjourn to next regular meeting:** There being no further business, it was moved by Bomberg, seconded by Neuens and voted unanimous to adjourn to June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 for the next regular highway meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany White,  
Office Manager