

Members Present: Gary Steber, Jeanette Bomberg, Larry Dzekute, Larry Neuens and John Halada.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Jeff DeMuri

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steber.

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

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Bomberg, seconded by Dzekute and voted unanimous to approve the minutes of the May 11th, 2015 Highway Committee Meeting.

Old Business

CTH "N" Bonding Project: DeMuri informed the Committee that Northeast Asphalt has finished the binder layer (roughly 2" thick) of asphalt from the intersection of "U" and "C" to the beginning of the project at US-2. NEA will then pull off the project and come back on Wednesday of next week to start working on the top course. Also all the road lifts have been completed along with numerous areas of slope filling. All areas were seeded and mulched at the end of each week and grass has started to take hold with all the rain we have been having. DeMuri also handed out a spread sheet of what it would cost to pulverize and pave County Road "N" from the intersection of "U" and "C" East of .6 miles. This section of road if not paved will be the only section not redone and it would make sense if funding is available. NEA subcontractor Snowden will be in this week to install guard rail on the project. The ox bowl walking trail is pretty much done except for the gravel surface, the DNR awarded us a grant to finalize the rest of the gravel. It was then moved by Bomberg, seconded by Dzekute, and voted unanimous to proceed with the pulverizing and paving of the additional 0.6 miles on CTH "N"

Update on the Aurora Bridge: DeMuri talked with MDOT a few weeks ago about the epoxy injection on the County "N" Aurora bridge and once again stated that Florence County Highway committee was not in favor of that process. After comparing cost and procedures, it was MDOT's intent to go along with the injections for the bridge deck whether or not Florence County would participate. DeMuri said that MDOT and the County worked out an agreement whereas MDOT would pay for the epoxy bridge injections (estimated at \$35,000) per plan and Florence County would pay for the bridge girder/beam end repairs at a cost of \$9,500. It was further talked about getting the bridge into the bridge program in the next cycle 2018-19 cycle.

STP Project Selection: DeMuri said that he has started the "request for proposals" (R.F.P.) for our STP project for the 2016-2017 project year. DeMuri will also be filling out the estimated cost and turn that into the WisDOT by their June 26th deadline. DeMuri stated that the road he will be looking to do is County Road "N" from the Marinette County line, Westerly for approximately 2-1/2 miles to Aurora. Once and if Florence County will be selected for a project, we will then choose an engineering firm to design the road project.

Performance Based Maintenance Project (PBM): DeMuri stated that the PBM was started today and is going pretty good. DeMuri has used his summer help for flagging and some are running equipment and driving trucks. The estimated finish date is should be by the end of the week.

New Business

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. (To discuss an employee payroll increase)
2. 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. (To discuss applications/resumes for the office manager's position)

There being no further business it was moved, seconded and voted unanimous to reconvene to open session.

Discussion was had concerning an employee's request for a pay increase. Bomberg made a motion to give DeMuri the authority to sit down with the employee to evaluate and discuss a pay increase for said employee. The motion was seconded by Neuens and voted unanimous.

Commissioner's Report: DeMuri reported that the gravel crushing in the county gravel pits started Thursday, Wisconsin DRN has given 3 projects to work on and must be completed by June 30th, NEA is currently paving county "N" and run into delays due to the weather but will be done by the 4th

Distribute monthly financial statements: The monthly financial report was presented by DeMuri, including the month of April and May. Upon review, it was moved by Bomberg, seconded by Halada and voted unanimous to approve the statement as presented.

Present bills: The current monthly bills were presented to the Committee for their review. DeMuri went over the list explaining the bills. After review and discussion of the bills, it was moved by Bomberg, seconded by Dzekute and voted unanimous to approve payment of the bills not to exceed \$757,158.08.

Committee Members comments, concerns and future agenda items: Next month's agenda should include discussions and/or action on the CTH "N" project, the office manager's position and status of current projects.

Adjourn to next regular meeting: There being no further business, it was moved by Bomberg, seconded by Halada and voted unanimous to adjourn to July 13th, 2015 for the next regular highway meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff DeMuri
Highway Commissioner