

Members Present: Gary Steber, Don Gardner, Larry Neuens and John Halada.

Members Absent: Jeanette Bomberg was 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 Neuens, seconded by Halada and voted four (4) to zero (0) to approve the agenda as submitted.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Gardner, seconded by Neuens and voted four (4) to zero (0) to approve the minutes of the November 10<sup>th</sup> regular Highway Committee meeting and the December 10<sup>th</sup> Ad-Hoc Highway Committee meeting, as presented.

### **Old Business**

**Cold Storage Building:** DeMuri said that A & M Concrete Construction talked to him and asked if there was a break in the weather, could they still come and work on the cold storage building. DeMuri said that he had told them yes, but now he doesn't think anything will happen until spring.

**CTH "N" Bonding Project:** 1. Curve re-alignment: Coleman Engineering has completed the plans for the curve realignment and it is now set in stone. Due to the amount of excavation work that will need to be done DeMuri said that he has decided that his crew/equipment is too small to complete the work efficiently. He would like to have the contractor do the work, so there will have to be an amendment to the original contract. The Committee asked if someone locally has the equipment and manpower to do the work. It was thought that maybe only Musson Bros. out of Rhinelander would have the necessary equipment.

2. Ox Bowl ATV Trail: The Ox Bowl Trail Plan has been revised and the trail now will be approximately four (4) to five (5) feet higher than the road in certain spots. This should create a natural light barrier between the cars and recreational vehicle head lights. DeMuri said that he had an conference call with the DNR, Coleman Engineering, and worked out the details. The trail will now be approximately 18 feet wide, with no separator in the center as originally discussed. The DNR felt that would be a liability issue. The trail will be marked for pedestrians on the left and ATV's on the right. DeMuri said that he is considering installing rock walls in some areas but that too will need the approval of the DNR. DeMuri said that he received correspondence from the DNR saying we were good to go for excavating and grubbing the full half mile trail. Coleman Engineering has charged us approximately \$11,400 in engineering fees, including the bill on tonight's bill list.

Someone asked what we have to do if the work on "N" changes the mileage. DeMuri said that he didn't think that was going to be an issue as all the work is staying within our existing ROW. If it does, he will need to send a certified map to the DOT showing the change.

**Building maintenance:** 1. Salt Shed Roofs: DeMuri said that he decided to put out for bids for replacement of the salt shed roofs. The bid opening is scheduled for December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:15 PM. He submitted a bid to A & M as well as several local contractors.

2. Roof at Office/Shop: DeMuri said that he put a bid announcement in the Florence Mining News and contacted both Markell and Lake States Roofing regarding the office/shop building. He is asking for another two (2) inches of insulation as well as the new roof. These bids will be opened on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 12:15 PM. The bids have an August 1<sup>st</sup> completion date.

### **New Business**

**Bid Opening for a One Ton Two Wheel Drive Stake Body Truck Chassis:** The bids for a One Ton Two Wheel Drive Stake Body Truck Chassis were opened on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Since Don Gardner wasn't able to attend the opening was handled by Joe Witynski and Francie Freeberg. There was only one bid received and that was from Florence Motor Sales in the amount of \$29,275.00. There was an option included for a spare tire and wheel for \$300 and all terrain tires for an additional \$125.00. DeMuri passed out a copy of the bid for the Committee to review. DeMuri said that he will be taking bids for the stake body if the cost of removing, sand blasting, painting, and installation of the old stake body is only a few hundred dollars different from the price of a new one. After review and discussion it was moved by Gardner, seconded by Neuens and voted four (4) to zero (0) to accept the bid from Florence Motor Sales for \$29,275 and also the spare tire and wheel and the all-terrain tires for an additional \$425.00 total.

**Meeting change for January:** Due to the date of the Winter Highway Conference it will be necessary to reschedule the January Highway Committee meeting to January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Don Gardner will be excused as he will be out of town at that time.

**Commissioner's Report:** DeMuri noted that with the mild weather this past week we were able to get some of the clearing and grubbing work done at the Ox Bowl trail project. He reminded the committee of the two bid openings. One is next week Monday, and the other is on the 7<sup>th</sup> of January.

**Distribute monthly financial statements:** The monthly financial statements were distributed and reviewed by Freeberg. After review, it was moved by Neuens, seconded by Halada and voted four (4) to zero (0) to approve the report as submitted.

**Present bills:** The bills were presented for review. We have several large bills this month including one for Rock Salt, one for the new equipment for our new dump truck # 075, as well as both gasoline and diesel fuel. After discussion, it was moved by Halada, seconded by Gardner and voted four (4) to zero (0) to approve payment of the bills for a total not to exceed \$137,711.69.

**Committee Members comments, concerns and future agenda items:** Next month's agenda should include discussion and action on the salt shed roofs and the roof for the existing office/shop building. Gardner brought in an email that he had received regarding proposed tax increases going to transportation. Some discussion was had regarding this.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business it was moved by Neuens, seconded by Gardner and voted four (4) to zero (0) to adjourn to **January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015** for the next regular highway meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Francie Freeberg,  
Office Manager