

**Regular Meeting  
Highway Committee  
June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

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

Members Absent: John Halada (Excused).

Others Present Jeff DeMuri and Francie Freeberg.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steber.

**Agenda:** It was moved by Neuens, seconded by Gardner, and voted unanimous to approve the agenda as submitted.

**Minutes:** It was moved by Gardner, seconded by Neuens, and voted unanimous to approve the minutes of the May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Highway Committee Meeting, as submitted.

**Old Business**

**CTH “N” Project Update:** DeMuri said that he has not heard from the DOT regarding his letter turning down the design funds. He reminded the Committee that by doing this, it should push the design funds into the construction phase of the project. If this letter is accepted the County will have to pay 100% for the design of this project.

**Joint Position Forestry/Highway:** The advertisement went out to the Mining News for this position and was in the June 5<sup>th</sup> paper and is scheduled for June 12<sup>th</sup>. DeMuri said that he contacted The Daily News and it is \$130 to run the ad one (1) day. He said that he asked them to run it on Wednesday only of this week. The Applications are due by 3:00 PM on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Once they all arrive the chairmen of both committees should review them and decide how many they feel the need to interview and who they will interview. They will consider looking at these applications on the 25<sup>th</sup> but Steber noted he will be gone on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of June.

**Update on Summer Projects:** DeMuri said that he met with the people from Northeast Asphalt regarding the work that he’s looking at having done this year. He noted that there are no concerns regarding the proposed work except for the timing of getting the epoxy overlay completed early enough to fit NE Asphalt’s work schedule. There were also funds in the budget for possible blacktopping of the back parking lot here at the shop. He’s not completely sure if we will do cement or blacktop curbs, in a effort to control the drainage. We need to get the water out of the area of the salt shed and run it away from the buildings.

One of the projects is to put an Epoxy Overlay on the Little Popple River Bridge on CTH “N”. There is a business in Rhinelander willing to work with us as we’ve never done that type of project before. The bridge was “chained” and there is no delamination on it. We will have to rent some equipment as we do not have everything needed to do the job. The bridge will need to be shot blasted, similar to sand blasting. It was suggested that DeMuri check with Champion as Chuck Davis does this kind of work. The materials alone for the Epoxy Overlay will run about \$10,000.

The third project was to work on getting a cold storage facility built this year.

DeMuri said that he will be working on the bids for CTH “N” and for the paving of our parking lot in back.

**New Business**

**Governor Walker’s 2013-2015 Budget:** The bill in the legislature regarding of hauling overweight loads on US ‘2’ in Florence County has passed. The budget is not signed yet but it looks like there is movement to appropriate approximately 52.5 million to the Sate Routine Maintenance budget and it will be spread between all 72 counties. This year we are getting \$424,000 from the DOT and if the budget

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Passes, we hope to get a portion of the pie. DeMuri did note that US '2' will be getting a crack filling job from the Brule River to the Town of Florence. The work is being done by Pitlick & Wick. He also note that there may be a 2.4% increase in our GTA's.

**2012 Financial Reports:** The 2012 Annual Financial Report was distributed to the Committee for their review. DeMuri said it was a good year thanks to the County Forestry Department and some grants that we worked on. Unfortunately in 2014 there are no grant monies coming from Forestry being distributed so work and money will be very tight next year. The committee will review the financial report and contact either DeMuri or Freeberg with any questions they may have.

**Distribute monthly financial statements:** The monthly financial statement was presented to the Committee and reviewed by Freeberg. After discussion it was moved by Neuens, seconded by Gardner and voted unanimous to approve the financial report as submitted.

**Future Agenda Items:** Updates of the summer projects, status of joint position, annual financial report, election of a Vice Chairman (if we have a full committee) and possibly bid openings.

**Present bills:** The bills were presented for review. After discussion it was moved by Gardner, seconded by Neuens and voted unanimous to approve payment of the bills not to exceed the amount of \$29,791.70.

**Adjourn to next regular meeting:** There being no further business, it was moved by Gardner, seconded by Neuens and voted unanimous to adjourn to Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 for the next regular highway committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Francie Freeberg  
Office Manager

Hi Jeanette. Were you in attendance as an "alternate" committee member or were you just attending as a county board member? I thought I heard you voting on the motions and I never thought about it till now, as I'm working on my minutes. I can list the motions as being unanimous instead of the three (3) or four (4) to zero (0) if that's what you want me to do. But I also need to list you as a committee member instead of an "other" person in attendance.