

Members Present: Don Gardner, Jeanette Bomberg, Larry Neuens and John Halada.

Members Absent: Gary Steber, excused.

Others Present: Jeff DeMuri and Francie Freeberg.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Neuens.

**Approval and/or revisions to current agenda:** A motion was made by Gardner, seconded by Bomberg and voted four (4) to zero (0) to approve the agenda as submitted.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Gardner, seconded by Bomberg and voted four (4) to zero (0) to approve the minutes of the October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 highway meeting, as presented.

### **Old Business**

**Cold Storage Building:** DeMuri informed the Committee that there had been a hold up on the required permits from the State of WI. They needed to know exactly the type and size of equipment being stored in the building. Trucks with a GVW of 23,000 lbs or more cannot be stored in this building. He said that he received word today that the permits had been approved. The contractor (A & M Concrete Construction) said that they were 75% sure that they could start the building project on the 17<sup>th</sup> of November. The site prep work has been completed.

**Salt Shed Roofs:** DeMuri reminded the Committee that originally the bids for the salt shed roofs were denied. The contractor from A & M Concrete Construction were here and discussion was had about these bids. They did a further analysis of the salt sheds and submitted a revised schedule. Their original bid was for \$18,500 and their new proposal, after looking over the project, is for \$16,000 and they were wondering if we would consider accepting their new proposal. After additional discussion it was moved by Bomberg, seconded by Gardner and voted four (4) to zero (0) to table action at this time.

**CTH "N" Bonding Project: Curve re-alignment:** To complete the curve re-alignment, CTH "N" will have to be shifted a full lane to the east side which would require a cut in the road of 4 feet and the hill of approximately 3' to 15'. Coleman Engineering has the plans for the curve all set. We will not need any property from the DNR to complete this realignment. Coleman designed the curve in this area with curbing, thus cutting our need for any additional property. The curbing will be a "rounded" type curb. This will help out in the drainage in this area. We may need to do a change order with NE Asphalt. Discussion was had regarding the need for a poly coating in this area for the snowmobile crossing. These poly coating cost approximately \$3,000 each and with 4 crossings on CTH "N" it would increase the cost of the project. DeMuri said that after his discussions with Pat Smith it was felt that the US '2' grade is the only one needed at this time.

**Ox Bowl ATV Trail:** Currently, the proposed trail will be slightly higher than the road, which may require some type of light barrier. They've also discussed raising the trail by five (5) feet and then installing a rock retaining wall. There is approximately 1,300 feet of road work that will need to be completed before the highway could be paved in this area. The trail needs to be made wider than it currently is so as to separate the five (5) to six (6) foot "walking" trail from the 12 foot ATV/snowmobile trail. They are still working on what to use to separate the two trails. If the trail were to be even with the road there would be approximately 10,000 cubic yards of dirt to be moved. We may also have an issue with the wood turtles, making it necessary to work on this project during November through April months.

**Building maintenance:** DeMuri said that he had met with the roofing person from Lake States Roofing regarding our existing highway shop. He has also been trying to get in contact with Demko Electric regarding some necessary electrical repairs. Since Mike Demko did not get back to him, they had Brooks Electric come in and complete the needed repairs.

**Equipment sale/purchase:** On October 15<sup>th</sup> bids were opened for the sale of Truck # 022 and the wing and underbody. Only one bid was received and it was from McCoy Excavating. As approved by the Committee, they met the minimum bid of \$21,500 so the truck and equipment was sold. Demuri said that he will be working on bid specifications for a one ton truck, and hopes to let these bids near year end or the very early part of 2015. This was recommended for approval in the budget process.

### **New Business**

**Approval/signing of DOT RMA budget for 2015:** It was noted that Jeff Hess was supposed to be in attendance from the DOT. Since he would have had to come from Wisconsin Rapids, and due to today's snow storm, DeMuri told him it wasn't necessary. The

2015 maintenance contract with the DOT is for \$492,600, up approximately \$30,000 from 2014. After discussion, it was moved by Bomberg, seconded by Halada, and voted four (4) to zero (0) to approve and sign the contract.

**Commissioner's Report:** DeMuri said that he has a meeting with the School District to discuss our work schedules for the winter months. DeMuri said that he will also be talking to the Sheriff's Department/Deputies regarding this same issue. Our trucks are all ready for winter work. Discussion was had regarding the Nicolet Trail work that was done this fall. This was a co-operative effort between the MI and WI DNR departments, the County Forestry Department and the Highway Department. DeMuri showed the Committee photo's that had been taken during the project. Our new truck is scheduled for delivery in approximately two (2) weeks.

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

**Present bills:** The bills were presented for review. DeMuri said that he had not had a chance to review the bill from Marinette County Highway Department for the centerline work that they completed for us. He will review that before any checks are cut. After discussion, it was moved by Bomberg, seconded by Gardner and voted and voted four (4) to zero (0) to approve payment of the bills for a total not to exceed \$45,416.10, including the bill from Marinette County.

**Committee Members comments, concerns and future agenda items:** Next month's agenda should include discussion on the salt shed roofs, the centerline work, and the Ox Bowl area.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business it was moved by Halada, seconded by Gardner, and voted four (4) to zero (0) to adjourn to December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 for the next regular highway meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Francie Freeberg,  
Office Manager