

**FLORENCE COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2021**

PRESENT:

Chairman	Gary Steber
Committee Member	Jeanette Bomberg
Committee Member	Fran Modschiedler
Committee Member	Joe Mills
Committee Member	Larry Dzekute
Commissioner	Joe Witynski
Office Manager	Deniell Bomberg
Forestry	Mat Gummin
Blue Ox Trail	Jim LeFevre

EXCUSED:

None

1) CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Steber called the meeting to order.

2) ROLL CALL:

Roll call taken – All Present.

3) APPROVAL / AGENDA:

A motion was made by Dzekute, seconded by Modschiedler and voted unanimous to approve the agenda as submitted.

4) APPROVAL / MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mills, seconded by Modschiedler, and voted unanimous to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2020 Regular Highway Meeting.

5) COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None.

6) OLD BUSINESS:

a) None

7) NEW BUSINESS:

a) North Central Region Mutual Aid Agreement:

The State has been asking all Counties if we have mutual aid agreements in place in the event we are in need of help in an emergency. The North Central Region has created a Mutual Aid Agreement, which was reviewed by our legal counsel with no concerns. Commissioner Witynski would like to sign this agreement to cover us in the event we need assistance.

A motion was made by Dzekute, seconded by Modschiedler and voted unanimous to sign the Mutual Aid Agreement.

b) Snowmobile Trail Issue – Forestry:

Mat Gummin from the Florence County Forestry Department was present to discuss a potential issue with a section of snowmobile trail in Homestead. Mat stated there is a landowner that approached him last season and stated the trail could be open with stipulations. One of the stipulations was to make the landowner aware when we were going to access the property. Forestry wanted to gain access; had attempted to contact the landowner several time but were only able to leave messages.

The landowner did finally call back, leaving a message that there are some issues, the gate will remain locked and they would like to discuss this with someone. Mat has again left several messages with no response.

Mat is asking to possibly use the ditch line on County Rd N from Franzen Rd & Kranz Rd to Section Line Rd. Snowmobile traffic would use both sided of the road so direction of travel will be the same as traffic on the highway. He does have a slight concern of one home and some mailboxes by Kranz Rd. He is only requesting this route be a possibility if he is unable to come to an agreement with the landowner.

Forestry has been mapping out some other alternate routes but they would need work to make them passable and that would not be able to be done until spring.

Committee Member Bomberg asked that we all document what we are doing and why to protect the County in the event there is an incident.

A motion was made by Bomberg, seconded by Modschiedler and voted unanimous to allow the snowmobile trail to operate in the ditch line on the designated areas of County Rd N.

8) COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

As you all know, we have not had much for snow. We have been doing a lot of brushing on the State Highways. Our 2020 RMA was within \$2,000. The inventory process has begun. Our new dump truck is here and we are working to get it in service. Currently working on preparing a spec sheet for a new excavator. The meeting is being held in the conference room this month as there are several projects going on in the shop and there was not enough room for us. The breakroom is getting a makeover. Last month the Aurora Sanitary district approached us about paying for the manholes. We researched the past minutes and the agreement of who was to pay what was verbal. In saying that, the Highway Department paid the entire bill for fixing the

manholes on County Rd N in Aurora. The Aurora Sanitary District was made aware that we paid the bill and they will not receive an invoice.

9) MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

The monthly financial report was presented by Office Manager Bomberg.

A motion was made by Mills, seconded by Modschiedler and voted unanimous to approve the financial report as presented.

10) PRESENT BILLS:

The current monthly bills were presented to the Committee for their review.

A motion was made by Dzekute, seconded by Modschiedler and voted unanimous to approve payment of the bills.

11) COMMITTEE MEMBER'S COMMENTS, CONCERNS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

None

12) ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Bomberg, seconded by Mills, and voted unanimous to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Deniell Bomberg
Office Manager