

**Regular Meeting
Highway Committee
May 8th, 2017**

Members Present: Gary Steber, Jeanette Bomberg, Fran Modschiedler, Larry Dzekute and Larry Neuens.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Jeff DeMuri and Tiffany White.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steber.

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

Approval of Minutes: It was then moved by Bomberg, seconded by Neuens, and voted unanimous to approve the minutes of the April 10th Regular Highway Committee meeting and the April 17th Special Highway Committee meeting.

Old Business

Update on CTH 'N' STP project: DeMuri said that the project plans have been received for his review. He would like to change some of the planned sloping, so he will be reaching out to some landowners to get temporary easements.

Weight Limits for Florence County Highways: DeMuri discovered that no resolution or ordinance is needed for changing the weight limits because the planned change is bringing them in line with the state statute instead of changing to something different.

ATV Trail on CTH 'N': The Town of Aurora has not actually approved the trail yet, so it is not open or signed until Aurora approves it. DeMuri also mentioned that he will reach out to an attorney – Bomberg recommended Garbowicz to see if an ordinance is needed for all the trails on County Trunk Highways.

New Business

2016 Financial Report: The 2016 Financial Report was completed and put in everyone's mailboxes prior to the meeting. White offered to answer questions and/or review reports at the committee's discretion.

Signing Project for CTH 'U': Coleman Engineering has done the work for additional signing on CTH 'U.' There will be additional signing at Brown's corner adding more chevrons.

Highway Shop Parking Lot: Because the new state salt shed is being built this year, DeMuri would like to work with Coleman Engineering to figure out the best way to deal with drainage issues due to the current salt sheds being at different heights. DeMuri estimates the cost of their work to be \$2,000 but feels it is necessary to ensure that when there are not future issues. A motion was made by Bomberg, seconded by Dzekute and voted unanimous to enter into a contract with Coleman Engineering to address the drainage in the parking lot.

Forest Service Projects: DeMuri reported that there is still some more work being done for the US Forest Service on the Hunter Walking Trails. Also, the Highway Dept. is currently working for the Wisconsin DNR in the Barrens, cutting firebreaks, and will be doing some mowing for invasive plants along Highway 70.

Adjourn to Closed Session: A motion was made by Dzekute, and seconded by Modschiedler to adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to:

WI State Stat. §§ 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss possible promotion process of internal candidate(s).

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A roll call vote was taken and all members present voted Aye.

Reconvene to Open Session: The Committee reconvened to Open Session and a motion was made by Dzekute, seconded by Modschiedler and voted unanimous to recommend the promotion of a current employee to the Equipment Operator Level 1 position.

Commissioner's Report: Salt prices have gone down so another delivery of state salt was made both here and to the shed in Long Lake. Our remaining salt sand is being sold to the Town of Homestead because it is currently outside and would need to be either covered or put inside until next winter. A few township chairs have requested that they be able to rent our equipment to be run by their own operators, but DeMuri believes there was a policy saying that only County employees could use County equipment. Bomberg said that the policy was likely created due to insurance considerations and that DeMuri should check with Donna re: the insurance implications because it is possible the policy could be amended to prevent liability issues while still allowing the equipment to be rented by townships.

Distribute monthly financial statement: The monthly financial report was presented by White. It was then moved by Neuens, seconded by Bomberg and voted unanimous to approve the financial report as presented.

Present bills: The current monthly bills were presented to the Committee for their review. After review and discussion of the bills, it was moved by Dzekute, seconded by Modschiedler and voted unanimous to approve payment of the bills not to exceed \$94,469.09.

Committee Members comments, concerns and future agenda items: Neuens asked that next month's agenda include an update re: the renting of county equipment. Neuens also asked about why the first several posts on a guardrail have holes in them. DeMuri explained that they are designed that way to break for safety reasons.

Adjourn to next regular meeting: There being no further business, it was moved by Neuens, seconded by Bomberg and voted unanimous to adjourn to June 12th, 2017 for the next regular highway meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany White,
Office Manager