

**Regular Meeting
Highway Committee
October 9th, 2017**

Members Present: Gary Steber, Jeanette Bomberg, Fran Modschiedler, Larry Dzekute and Larry Neuens (arrived at 4:02 pm).

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 Bomberg, seconded by Dzekute, and voted four (4) to zero (0) to approve the agenda as submitted.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Bomberg, seconded by Dzekute, and voted four (4) to zero (0) to approve the minutes of the September 11th Regular Highway Committee meeting.

Larry Neuens arrived.

Old Business

Update on CTH 'N' STP project: The bid state is set for 1/9/2018. All culverts that DeMuri planned to line have now been done. There are three additional culverts that will be dug up and replaced. The grout pump is working well for the culvert lining and an employee is taking it over to Vilas County later this week to do a culvert for them.

Updates on Parking Lot and New State Salt Shed: Northeast Asphalt will be here this week to pulverize the existing driveway/lot. They will then come back to pave it in the next week or two. The salt shed is approximately a week behind schedule, but the trusses have been delivered and should go up in the next few days.

New Business

Hauling Permits: DeMuri has been approached by a logger who is requesting an overweight permit to haul down CTH 'U', which is a Class B highway, as he is having trouble getting off the job and taking CTH 'B'. After much discussion about possible options and in light of the weight limit adjustment that was done last year a motion was made by Dzekute, seconded by Bomberg and voted unanimous to not issue any overweight permits.

PASER Ratings: Every other year PASER ratings need to be done, which is checking the condition of the roads. Steber and Dzekute both said they would participate. DeMuri will pick a day/time that will work for both of them.

Equipment Purchases: DeMuri is keeping an eye out for a used tri-axle, and if he finds one he'll ask the committee about the possibility of purchasing it. However, the commissioner's vehicle is due to be replaced and DeMuri would like to get a pickup truck rather than another Escape. DeMuri said he would like to do payments each month rather than paying in full for the vehicle at the time of the purchase. A motion was made by Bomberg, seconded by Dzekute and voted unanimous that DeMuri get bids for an extended cab pickup not to exceed the \$30,000 budgeted amount and to also put the current commissioner's vehicle up for auction.

Approve 2 Supervisors for Employee Evaluation: After some discussion it was determined that Neuens and Steber will do the employee evaluations.

Commissioner's Report: DeMuri informed the committee that Tiffany White has accepted a new position as the director of the ADRC and that her last date with the Highway Dept. would be Friday, 10/27. He also said that everyone is still working 4 10-hour days because of long drives to projects, but that it will likely change soon.

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Distribute monthly financial statement: The monthly financial report was presented by White. It was then moved by Dzekute, seconded by Modschiedler 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 Bomberg, seconded by Neuens and voted unanimous to approve payment of the bills not to exceed \$102,973.44.

Committee Members comments, concerns and future agenda items: Bomberg asked if the culvert on US 2 has been looked at to see if it is causing the water issue between Subway and Stebers warehouse which extends to over by the Utilities sanitary lagoons.

Neuens mentioned the “Just Fix It” campaign and said that the budget was just passed but there was not a plan for on-going maintenance. He also mentioned that he learned that the Green Bay road project budgeted 2% for cosmetic costs. Neuens commented on the improvements being made at the Burma Road & CTH ‘U’ intersection and said that it has helped to increase the visibility.

Neuens had a chance to speak with Jason Babich, the State Patrol Inspector, and he recommended that now that two people from the Sheriff’s Dept. are trained for scales another set of scales be purchased. Steber commented that it takes approximately 3 hours for a truck to be weighed using a portable scale set, and if anything urgent comes up in that 3 hour time, the deputy may have to leave to attend to something else. DeMuri said that at one point Jason had recommended the Highway Dept. put in a stationary scale, when he first looked it up it was too expensive, but since then he’s heard that there is a different style he could look at that is generally more affordable.

Neuens also asked if anything was being done about the ATV signage and Modschiedler reported that signing the route in Aurora has now been completed by the Blue Ox Trail Riders Club.

Adjourn to next regular meeting: There being no further business, it was moved by Bomberg, seconded by Modschiedler and voted unanimous to adjourn to November 13th, 2017 for the next regular highway meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany White,
Office Manager