

September 09, 2015

The regular meeting of the Highway Committee was called to order by Chair Paul Schwandt at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, September 09, 2015. The requirements of the Open Meeting Law were certified as being met.

Present: Paul Schwandt
Ben Moderow
Vicki Bernhagen
Rich Slate

Absent:

Others Present: Amy Brooks, Highway Commissioner
Becky Pence, Administrative Assistant
Aaron Wagner, Patrol Superintendent
Harley Reabe, Supervisor District 11
Dawn Klockow, Corporation Counsel
Bob Miller, Town of Manchester
Lauree Renaud, Green Lake Greenways
Paul Renaud, Green Lake Greenways

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda

Motion/second (Slate/Moderow) to approve the Agenda. Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion/Second (Slate/Bernhagen) to approve the minutes of 08/12/2015. Motion Carried.

Correspondence None

Public Comment None

Appearances

Bob Miller, Town of Manchester appeared regarding the right-of-way in common area located along the south property line of Highway Shop 2 property in Manchester, WI. The letter sent to parties involved indicating to keep the right-of-way in common clear of motor vehicle traffic, and the area is not to be used for vehicle parking. Restrictions have not been abided by, and nothing has been done to enforce the restrictions. Pictures of vehicles were shown to committee members regarding the traffic, and parking throughout the summer.

Lauree Renaud, Green Lake Greenways appeared regarding partnering with them to put up the bike route signs. Green Lake Greenways will not be able to afford the cost of labor and equipment, Huckleberry loop is 27 miles. Approximately 38-46 signs would be needed for both directions with new posts. Pricing was also discussed.

Use of County Property

Further discussion held regarding the right-of-way in common at the Manchester Shop II location. No action taken.

Green Lake School District Float Storage 9/18/15.

Motion/second (Slate/Bernhagen) to approve Green Lake School District for Float Storage in the Dairy Barn on 9/18/15. Motion Carried.

Bike Signs

An agreement is to be drawn up which will include placement of the signs, quantity of signs and posts, and all costs relating to purchases and installation.

Monthly Vouchers

Motion/Second (Slate/Bernhagen) to approve the September 09, 2015 vouchers for \$241,146.11. Motion Carried.

Financial Reports

Financial Reports were reviewed.

Deer Pick Up

The DNR extended their contract through the end of September countywide. The contractor cannot provide a quote at this time until they get a price from the DNR/State as to what they will pay for deer pick up on state highways. Discussion held as to who is responsible for handling complaints when the deer are not picked up in a timely manner.

Request for Quotes – Forklift and Brine Maker

Committee reviewed price quotes for new, used, or lease options on a forklift.

Motion/second (Moderow/Bernhagen) to approve purchasing a new Caterpillar Cushion Tire Forklift from Wisconsin Lift for \$24,628.00. Motion Carried

The Brine Maker was approved at P&I pending Highway Committee approval for Model Sb600 Salt Brine System with Cast Iron Pump for \$11,490.00.

Motion/second (Bernhagen/Moderow) to approve Varitech Industries Model Sb600 Salt Brine System for \$11,490.00. Motion Carried.

Office Relocation

Discussion held on moving the highway office over to the Government Center. More discussion needs to take place after the assessment study is completed.

Fill Vacant Position, Highway Mechanic II

Discussion held on the Job Description changes, CDL requirement, increase in pay, not having a scanner yet, and how to advertise for the position in order to bring in more applicants.

Motion/second (Bernhagen/Slate) to approve filling the vacant Highway Mechanic II position with the higher rate of pay and job description changes. Motion carried.

Near Miss Policy

A Near Miss Policy from Price County was modified for use for the Highway Department. Discussion held on how this would be used.

Motion/second (Slate/Moderow) to approve the Near Miss Policy with revisions. Discussion held.

Motion withdrawn by Slate.

Motion/second (Slate/Moderow) for Corporation Counsel and Highway Commissioner to review further and change verbage under Section II Reporting for consistencies. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Training, October 28-29, 2015, Elkhart Lake

Motion/second (Bernhagen/Moderow) to approve Brooks attendance at the Commissioner Training, October 28-29, 2015 at Elkhart Lake. Motion Carried.

Standard Road Repair Policy

Motion/second (Slate/Moderow) to adopt the Standard Road Repair Policy as written. Motion Carried.

Resolution Relating to Supporting Assembly Bill 210 – Local Transportation Revenues

Motion/second (Moderow/Slate) to approve Resolution Relating to Supporting Assembly Bill 210 – Local Transportation Revenues, with change of date and striking the Wisconsin Counties Association, replacing with

Green Lake County. Motion Carried.

Support of WCA 2015 Conference Resolution 16 and 17

Motion/second (Bernhagen/Moderow) to support the WCA 2015 Conference Resolution 16 and 17. Motion Carried.

Railroad Consortium None

Capital Outlay None

Committee Discussion

County crews have completed CTH Y reconstruction except for painting; mowing ditches; bridge maintenance, bridge inspection; culvert maintenance; surface maintenance; and moved back after the fair. Anticipated activities for the next three months include start CTH A reconstruction; crack filling on State; bridge and surface maintenance as needed; cutting trees and brush; mount plow equipment; install snow fence.

Permits issued in July were 1 Driveway/ROW, 4 Utility. Road Review/Project Status: CTH Y anticipate painting center/edge lines week of September 7. CTH A anticipated start date mid/late September. CTH I Bridge project plans will be submitted and an operational planning meeting and public information meeting will be scheduled.

July crash data consisted of 10 deer, 7 county damages, and 8 other.

Next Meeting Date October 14, 2015.

Future Items for action and discussion: Bike Signs; Deer Pick Up; Near Miss Policy; Capital Outlay Goals, and Road Funding Options.

Adjournment 7:20 pm.

Submitted by,

Becky Pence,
Secretary Highway Committee