

## February 08, 2010

The regular meeting of the Highway Committee was called to order by Chair, Orrin Helmer at 9:00 AM on Monday, February 08, 2010 at Highway Shop I, Green Lake County, Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the Open Meeting Law were certified as being met.

Present: Orrin Helmer  
Alma Hedberg  
Eugene Henke  
Bob Krause

Absent:

Others Present: Robert Podgorski, Highway Commissioner  
Becky Pence, Administrative Assistant  
Dan Priske, County Board Vice Chair  
Marge Bostelmann, County Clerk  
Scott Weir, Maintenance Supervisor

### **Agenda**

*Motion/second (Krause/Henke)* to approve the Agenda. Motion Carried.

### **Minutes**

*Motion/second (Hedberg/Krause)* to approve the meeting Minutes of January 11, 2010. Motion Carried.

### **Correspondence**

Letter from Duane Prachel explaining the retaining wall charges that were questioned by Maintenance; an invitation from Wisconsin Southern Railroad for 2/24/10 meeting; and a thank you memo from TDA.

Discussion was held on the retaining wall charges previously billed to Maintenance. Scott Weir's personal opinion was that the billing was too expensive. Robert Podgorski explained the process may have taken a bit longer because the cement being removed was attached to the old cement footing that was under the blacktop. Robert Podgorski further stated that the billing is correct, and if Maintenance had a problem to come and see him first and they would talk it over.

**Public Comment** None

**Appearances** None

### **Monthly Vouchers**

Monthly Vouchers were presented in the amount of \$290,555.33

*Motion/second (Henke/Krause)* to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$290,555.33. Motion Carried.

### **Commissioner's Report**

Robert Podgorski reported the crews patched various roads, cut trees for CTH B reconstruction, and plowed snow.

**DOT Request for Services** None

### **Equipment Analysis**

The Committee reviewed the Equipment Analysis Report.

### **Expenditure / Revenue Summary Report**

The Committee reviewed the Expenditure & Revenue Summary Report.

### **Annual Report**

The Committee reviewed the 2009 Annual Report which was submitted to the County Board.

### **Bridge School**

Robert Podgorski requested that Chuck Buss, Patrol Superintendent attend the Bridge School, 3/22/10 through 4/2/10. After his certification he would be able to inspect bridges. Orrin Helmer questioned if a person needed to be a PE in order to inspect bridges. Robert Podgorski stated that a person needs to be certified to inspect bridges and that not all inspectors are PE's.

*Motion/second (Henke/Hedberg)* to authorize sending Chuck Buss, Patrol Superintendent to the Bridge School held in Madison 3/22/10 through 4/2/10. Motion Carried.

### **Winter Conference Report**

Robert Podgorski and Orrin Helmer reported on the various topics held at the WCHA Winter Conference including prevailing wage; maintenance, safety and training; machinery management regarding fuel cost being up 30% which increases machinery rates; invasive species and DNR wants the State to mow more than once; and that the stimulus did not create more jobs, it just retained some.

### **Intersection CTH B&H Land Pins Location CTH B**

Robert Podgorski spoke with Ayres Associates, and he would like to get an Engineer Survey in order to obtain a certificate for the T-intersection.

*Motion/second (Krause/Henke)* to authorize getting an Engineering Firm to draw up plans for the CTH B&H Intersection east of the Village of Marquette. Motion Carried.

### **Commissioner Training & S.T.P. Meeting April 6-8, 2010- Wausau**

*Motion/second (Henke/Hedberg)* to authorize Robert Podgorski to attend the Commissioner Training and S.T.P. Meeting held in Wausau on 4/6/10 through 4/8/10. Motion Carried.

### **Sale of Mower #193**

A letter was handed out to Committee Members regarding the suggested selling price of \$5,800.00 obtained from Bignells Power Sports for the sale of Mower#193 to Maintenance.

*Motion/second (Henke/Hedberg)* to sell Mower #193 to Maintenance for \$3,000.00. Roll-Call Vote, 2 ayes, 2 nays (Helmer/Krause). Motion lost.

After further discussion *Motion/second (Krause/Helmer)* to sell Mower #193 to Maintenance for \$1,866.00. Roll-Call Vote – 3 ayes, 1 nay (Henke). Motion Carried.

### **Plowing of Parks**

Robert Podgorski explained that it was mentioned at the P&I meeting that it was labor intensive for Maintenance to plow the Courthouse and the Parks. Marge Bostelmann stated the Highway always plowed the access roads and Parks at no charge, and that P&I made a motion to request for Highway to continue plowing the Parks. Discussion was held.

*Motion/second (Krause/Hedberg)* for Highway to plow the Parks out of the Highway budget as in the past. Roll-Call Vote – 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried.

### **Use of Highway Grounds**

A request for Use of Courthouse/County Highway grounds from GLACC for 2010 events was reviewed.

*Motion/second (Henke/Hedberg)* to approve the use of Highway grounds for the GLACC 2010 events listed. Motion Carried.

### **Railroad Consortium**

Eugene Henke stated the meeting was held in Portage. Discussion was held on where the contribution money should come from. Other counties contribute through the Economic Development funds and not the Highway funds. Orrin Helmer commented that the railroad is actually saving the roads. Eugene Henke will find out who contributes from what fund at the next Railroad Consortium meeting.

**Closed Session**

*Motion/second (Hedberg/Krause)* to move into Closed Session per ss19.85(1)c: Personnel Matters, Employee Evaluations. Roll-Call Vote, 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried.

**Resume Open Session**

*Motion/second (Henke/Krause)* to move into open session. Roll-Call Vote, 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried.

**Announce Findings of Closed Session**

*Motion/second (Hedberg/Henke)* to accept the evaluations of Joe Chappa, Mechanic II; and Jerry Shead, Sign-Man and to forward on to their personnel file. Motion Carried.

**Crash Data and Locations**

Committee reviewed 13 deer related, 3 weather related, and 1 other related accident.

**Field Road Review** None

**Committee Discussion** None

**Future agenda items for action:**

- **Regular meeting date:** March 08, 2010 at 9:00 AM
- **Future Agenda Items for action and discussion**

**Adjournment**

*Motion/second (Hedbeg/Henke)* to adjourn at 10:45 PM. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Becky Pence  
Administrative Assistant