HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MINUTES July 13, 2009

The regular meeting of the Highway Committee was called to order by Chair, Orrin Helmer at 9:00 AM on Monday, July 13, 2009 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 Absent:

Alma Hedberg Eugene Henke

Bob Krause (Excused 11:25 AM)

Others Present: Robert Podgorski, Highway Commissioner

Becky Pence, Administrative Assistant John Selsing, Corporation Counsel

Dan Priske, Alternate

Lauree & Paul Renaud, Resident City of Green Lake

Jack Hynson, Resident City of Berlin Keith Nikolay, Ayres Associates Inc.

Agenda

Motion/second (Hedberg/Henke) to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes

Motion/second (Krause/Henke) to approve the meeting Minutes of June 3rd and 8th, 2009. Motion Carried.

Parks Business:

Correspondence

Letter from David Anderson regarding sub-contracting lawn mowing services at Spring Valley Park. The Oshkosh Area Community Foundation received a \$500.00 donation from Knights of Columbus Princeton Council 4774, c/o St. John the Baptist Catholic Church for the Zobel Park Recreational Fund. Update on the Zobel Park project from Todd Morris. Christine Halbur, DNR email regarding the Mascoutin Trail Reroute. A thank you letter from Louis Bock, Green Lake Bank Senior Club Director for parking.

Public Comment

Lauree Renaud, resident City of Green Lake thanked the committee for revitalization of the Mascoutin Trail. Jack Hynson, resident City of Berlin complimented the Highway Department for a tremendous job with the Mascoutin Trail

Annearances None

Monthly Vouchers

Vouchers were presented in the amount of \$9,021.00.

Motion/second (Krause/Hedberg) to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$ 9,021.00. Motion carried.

Dodge Park

Robert Podgorski informed committee members the contract for running the concession stand has been received from Phil Mirr

Lake Maria Park None

Spring Lake-Kingston None

Spring Valley

Orrin Helmer suggested Robert Podgorski inform Mr. Anderson that sub-contracting of lawn mowing is not feasible at this time.

Sunset Park Grant None

Twin Lakes None

Zobel Park

Robert Podgorski informed committee members that Todd Morris asked if he could use the chipper to chip up some brush. Because of liability purposes, Orrin Helmer stated that the chipper can be donated, but Highway will need to operate and charge out man hours.

Boat Launch Fees

Boat Launch fees collected in May amounted to \$988.30. The year to date amount total is \$1,335.32.

Mascoutin Recreational Trail

Badger mining has donated \$500.00 for the screenings which was put into the Parks Carryover Account. The total cost for revitalization amounted to \$14,554.73. Because this was not a budgeted item, \$6,000.00 will come out of the Parks Improvement Account, and the balance of \$8,554.72 will come out of the Carryover Account.

Parks and Recreational Plan Review/Revision None

Committee Discussion

Thank you letters to be sent to Badger Mining and Knights of Columbus Princeton Council 4774, c/o St. John the Baptist Catholic Church for their donations.

Highway Business:

Correspondence

Letter from Keith Nikolay regarding the bid opening on CTH BB Bridge. Letter from Gregory M Wolfe, PE, Cedar Corporation regarding denial of CTH H Economic Recovery Funding. Email from Molly Spaulding regarding bike pathways to include pedestrian walkways per Section 6 of the Wisconsin Legislation Act 28.

Public Comments None

Appearances

Keith Nikolay, Ayres Associates Inc. updated committee members on CTH BB Bridge scheduling.

Vouchers

Vouchers were presented for \$131,204.34.

Motion/second (Henke/Krause) to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$131,204.34. Motion Carried.

Commissioner's Report

Robert Podgorski reported the crews worked on CTH H Reconstruction, patched various county roads, worked on Mascoutin Recreational Trail Rehabilitation, mowed county and Town of Brooklyn roads, centerlined various county roads, and paved CTH H.

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.

Railroad Consortium

Eugene Henke reported the meeting was held at the Goose Blind in Green Lake. All counties attended except for Milwaukee County.

CHEMS Annual Training- October 15-16, 2009, Wausau

The 2009 Annual Chems training will be held in Wausau on October 15th and 16th. The state will cover the cost for three people to attend.

Motion/second (Hedberg/Krause) to approve Becky Pence, Steve Westpfahl, and the person who fills the vacant office position to attend the Chems Training in Wausau on October 15th and 16th, 2009.

WCHA Summer Conference Report

Robert Podgorski reported the WCHA Conference as not very enlightening. The State is cutting back tremendously. The Routine Maintenance Agreements will be cut back, and they will eventually eliminate the crack sealing for counties. At this time the percentage of what the State is cutting is unknown.

Filling Vacant Position

The letter to the Members of the Highway and Personnel Committees along with the Secretary I Position Description was reviewed and discussed.

Motion/second (Henke/Hedberg) to approve and support filling of the part time vacant position as a Secretary I, and to approve the Position Description as presented, and to forward to the Personnel Committee for approval. Motion Carried.

2010 Budget Review None

Closed Session

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

Resume Open Session

Motion/second (Krause/Hedberg) to move into open session. Roll-Call Vote, 4 ayes – 0 nayes. Motion Carried

Announce Findings of Closed Session

Motion/second (Henke/Krause) to accept the evaluations of Becky Pence, Wayne Lang, and Kevin Sternitske and to send to their personnel file. Motion Carried.

Crash Data and Locations

The committee reviewed 0 weather related, 25 deer related, and 20 other related accidents.

Field Road Review

Bob Krause was excused at 11:25 AM. The rest of the committee went on a road review as follows:

- Went to CTH A which is south of STH 44 to Tachora Road in the Town of Mackford to look at the balance of CTH A from Tachora Road south to the railroad tracks.
- Went on CTH A from CTH J to Mascoutin Golf Course for Committee to view the condition of CTH A, and also drove the Mascoutin Trail in Green Lake County.
- Returned to Highway Shop 1 at 12:40 PM.

Committee Discussion

Robert Podgorski spoke about other counties that have a cooperative agreement, and we should start thinking differently than in the past in regards to pooling resources together to possibly cut costs.

Future agenda items for action:

Regular meeting date: August 10, 2009 at 9:00 AM

Adjournment

Motion/second (Henke/Hedberg) to adjourn at 12:40 PM. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Becky Pence Administrative Assistant