

July 15, 2013

The regular meeting of the Highway Committee was called to order by Chair Paul Schwandt at 6:00 PM on Monday, July 15, 2013. The requirements of the Open Meeting Law were certified as being met.

Present: Paul Schwandt
Donald Peters
Eugene Henke
Margaret Whirry

Absent:

Others Present: Amy Brooks, Highway Commissioner
Becky Pence, Administrative Assistant
Duane Prachel, County Superintendent
Dan Hurst, Corporation Counsel
Jack Meyers, County Board Chair
Dennis Mack, Cedar Corp
Lauree and Paul Renaud, Green Lake Greenways
Barry Rogers, Green Lake Greenways
Tony Daley, Berlin Journal Newspapers

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda

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

Minutes

Motion/second (Henke/Peters) to approve the Minutes of 06/11/13. Motion Carried.

Correspondence None

Public Comments

Meyers commented the Highway Department is doing a good job.

Appearances

Dennis Mack, Cedar Corp appeared to update committee on the progress of the CTH D bridge project. The length of the bridge had to be increased, and beam guard added which was an additional cost to the county. The DNR would like to have a boat launch and parking lot as part of the design construction which the county would be responsible for 20% of the additional cost.

Lauree Renaud, Green Lake Greenways appeared to discuss the multi-use bike path and Memorandum of Understanding, (MOU).

CTH D Bridge-Boat Launch/Parking Lot

Peters is opposed of the 20% from the county funds when we cannot cover road maintenance/repairs in an efficient manner, and does not want the county to spend any additional money on engineering fees. Peters also questioned the maintenance aspects such as mowing, and how often boaters use that area. If the DNR can pay for all costs associated with the boat launch and parking lot, there would be no objection. The county simply cannot cover any additional expenses at this time.

Whirry agreed and is against spending any county funds when the levy has not increased, and we can't maintain our own roads.

Motion/second (Whirry/Peters) to disapprove the boat launch and parking lot as part of the bridge project.

All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Memorandum of Understanding

Peters doesn't think the job of this county is to cater to select groups when we don't have funding to fix roads and therefore cannot support the MOU at this time. Whirry questioned the shoulder sloping down into the ditch.

If at any time maintenance thought their budget cannot maintain, Green Lake Greenways will put boxes up for donations per Lauree Renaud.

Hurst doesn't have any objection to it. From Highways end there's not a whole lot of collaboration. Whirry questioned if the county holds any liability if someone gets injured – Hurst replied no. Brooks said that highways involvement is to be on board and help develop the path. By signing the MOU, it gets the ball rolling to get funding. Whirry asked if there was time to include the path in the project, and if the grant money available was strictly for bike paths and if Green Lake doesn't take the money will someone else get it. Brooks stated there's not enough time unless the project gets delayed which will not happen. Lauree Renaud confirmed the grant money available is strictly for the bike path and someone else would be able to use it if Green Lake County doesn't.

Peters and Whirry suggested amending the MOU stipulating Green Lake Greenways to be responsible for 100% of the maintenance costs. This will be brought back to the committee July 16, 2013.

Christopher George Variance, CTH J, Town of Princeton

Brooks explained the variance, site distance is good but the trees to the east need to be taken down.

Motion/second (Peters/Whirry) to approve the variance for Christopher George on CTH J, in the Town of Princeton provided they take down the trees to the east. Motion carried.

Road Agreements

Hurst and Brooks met with Attorney Sorenson, A.F. Gelhar, and D&I Silica. Brooks prepared a revised estimate of \$199,200.00 and a verbal agreement was made to pay for actual time and materials. Hurst needs to get the written agreement. Discussion was held on getting a percentage upfront for a portion of the estimate and to also include in the written agreement.

Use of County Property

Brooks explained that P&I already approved at the June 4th meeting a sand based fill addition and storage container request from UWEX and Joyce Affeldt. They requested permission to bring some sand in to fill the low areas for the dog agility course and permission to purchase a small trailer to be kept by the dog agility course. A small storage building that could be moved if necessary was approved by P&I. *Motion/second (Whirry/henke)* to approve the sand based fill addition and permission to purchase a small trailer to be kept by the dog agility course. Motion carried

Monthly Vouchers

Motion/second (Whirry/Henke) to approve the July vouchers in the amount of \$259,395.45. Motion Carried.

Commissioner's Report

County crews mowing state and county; patching potholes; CTH O reconstruction; and seal coated CTH's B, AA, & S.

Anticipated activities include CTH O reconstruction; surface maintenance; shouldering; mowing; Railroad may begin working on crossings at the intersections of CTH Q & A, County will post detours; and begin construction on CTH A in conjunction with Railroad project; rubber crack filling on STH 49.

June crash data consist of 23 deer, 2 other/weather, and 1 county damage claim.

Field Road Review - Road review will be July 16th at 6:00 pm.

DOT Request for Services None

Farm Entrance Signs, CTH A, Town of Green Lake

Brooks had a request for a Farm Entrance Sign on CTH A just north of Center Road in the Town of Green Lake. The sign would be an advisory sign.

Motion/second (Henke/Whirry) to approve the Farm Entrance Sign on CTH A north of Center Road in the Town of Green Lake. Motion Carried.

CTHs A & S Signage

Brooks explained because of the trucks turning onto CTH S, a truck entrance sign should be in place on CTH A north of CTH S. Brooks also thought there may be possible funding for a passing lane.

Motion/second (Whirry/Peters) to approve placing a truck entrance sign on CTH A north of CTH S. Motion Carried.

Financial Reports The Financial Reports were reviewed.

2014 Budget

Budget increases of \$196,663.51 for Winter Maintenance, Marking/Signing (Paint), Shouldering, Rubber Sealing, and Seal Coating were presented and explained. Increases are mainly due to continuing increased material costs. Discussion held on a 5 year average of actual expenditures amount to \$4,201,972.35. The 2013 budgeted expenditures are \$3,856,371.45. It was also noted that for the 2013 budget, we are at the 2009 Tax Levy.

Motion/second (Whirry/Henke) to approve the 2014 with an increase of \$196,663.51 and forward to finance for review/approval. Motion carried.

Brine Tank

Brooks explained another option of a lid kit to put over the brine maker if kept indoors. It doesn't seal the brine maker completely, but it will contain it more. Brooks bringing cost estimate to the August meeting.

Railroad Consortium

Henke stated the Railroad Consortium will hold their September 11, 2013 meeting in Green Lake at the Government Center at 10:00 am. Peters voted no to the \$25,000 donation at their last meeting, because the smaller counties contribute the same amount as the larger counties such as Milwaukee, and doesn't feel it is fair for the population.

Committee Discussion

Brooks told the committee that the previous Commissioner Tim Mashuda has passed away.

Future Agenda Items for Action and Discussion:

- *Road Review July 16, 2013 at 6:00 PM*
- *Regular meeting date, August 13, 2013*
- *Concrete vs hot mix, Brooks to call Dodge County Commissioner*

Adjournment

Motion/second (Whirry/Henke) to adjourn 8:50 PM. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Becky Pence
Secretary