

## September 11, 2012

The regular meeting of the Highway Committee was called to order by Chair Paul Schwandt at 4:30 PM on Tuesday, September 11, 2012. The requirements of the Open Meeting Law were certified as being met.

Present: Paul Schwandt  
Donald Peters  
Eugene Henke  
Margaret Whirry

Absent:

Others Present: Chuck Buss, Interim Highway Commissioner  
Becky Pence, Administrative Assistant  
Duane Prachel, County Superintendent  
Ben Moderow, Alternate (4:45 pm)  
Dan Sondalle, Corporation Counsel  
Alyssa Paulsen, Berlin Newspapers  
Jack Meyers, County Board Chair

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **Agenda**

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

### **Minutes**

*Motion/second (Peters/Henke)* to approve the meeting minutes of August 14<sup>th</sup> with the correction of spelling Peachy, and approve the meeting minutes of August 27<sup>th</sup> with the correction to the interview time on September 27. Motion Carried.

### **Correspondence**

A letter of retirement from Steve Westpfahl Shop Foreman; and an e-mail from DOT reducing the RMA total from 80% to 60% reimbursement.

**Public Comments** None

**Appearances** None

### **Monthly Vouchers**

*Motion/second (Whirry/Henke)* to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$690,104.74 with account description corrections. Motion Carried.

### **Commissioner's Report**

Buss reported crews paved first layer on CTH A reconstruction; overlaid CTHs I, B, and V; paver patched CTH A between CTH AA and East River Road; STH 23 ditch repair; mowing; patching potholes; and moved equipment and material back due to the fair.

Anticipated activities include paving CTH A; shouldering CTHs A, I, B, and V; mowing; surface maintenance; snow fencing; and mounting of plow equipment.

Crash data consisted of 10 deer, 8 other/weather, and 5 county damage claims.

### **AF Gelhar CTHs A & S Road Construction Agreement and Intersection Safety**

Sondalle will send another letter out if the agreement and check for the past due invoices are not received by next week. Steve Sorenson of Davis & Kuelthau Law Firm entered the meeting at 5:00 pm and presented a

check for the past due invoices and presented the signed agreement regarding both parties in good faith will negotiate an agreement outlining future repairs above the normal maintenance requirements attributed to damage from hauling of products and equipment on behalf of A.F. Gelhar Co., Inc.

Some discussion held on a future road agreement. Whirry would like to possibly have an escrow drawn up.

Buss explained the intersection at CTH's A & S should have a becon sign on the intersection, or possibly doing a bypass lane on the intersection itself due to safety concerns. Discussion held on solar power flashing lights and to check with A.F. Gelhar for improving the intersection. Schwandt suggested to check out the price of the sign and to have A.F. Gelhar pay for the sign.

#### **DOT Request for Services** None

#### **Right of Way, Ditch Farming Issue**

Charlie Marks was unable to attend. Buss explained the "Draft Lake Management Plan" is being printed up and will be available to County Board Supervisors to allow them time to review it before they approach committees on specific project initiatives.

#### **WCA2012 Conference Resolution**

Resolution 7 Recommending legislation Authorizing Wisconsin Counties to Impose a Frac Sand Production Tax, and Resolution 8 Seeking Frac Sand Mining via Policy Development and Allocation of State Resources to Assist in this area of Economic Development.

*Motion/second (Peters/Whirry)* to approve supporting Resolution 7 and Resolution 8 at the WCA 2012 Conference recommending legislation to authorize Wisconsin Counties to impose a frac sand production tax and seeking frac sand mining via policy development and allocation of state resources to assist in this area of economic development. Motion Carried.

#### **2012 Chems/DOT Annual Training Oct 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, Green Bay**

*Motion/second (Peters/Whirry)* to approve Pence to attend the 2012 Chems/DOT Annual Training in Green Bay 10/17/12-10/19/12. Motion Carried.

#### **Functional Classification Changes (10 Year)**

Buss explained the Proposed Functional Classification System changes and suggested to keep CTH O as a major collector.

*Motion/second (Peters/Henke)* to keep CTH O as a major collector, and to approve all other classification changes as listed. Motion Carried.

#### **CTH D – STP Project**

Buss received a call from Joe Benbeneck, DOT regarding a commitment for the CTH D STP Project north of Princeton. There will be a 10 year time frame to reconstruct. Discussion held, and no action taken at this time due to cost.

#### **CTH D North – Overlay, Town of St. Marie**

Buss explained CTH D North Overlay was put on hold earlier in the year and requested to overlay now as the other projects were completed and under the estimated amount.

*Motion/second (Whirry/Peters)* to approve overlaying CTH D North in the Town of St. Marie. Motion Carried.

#### **Jerry Friday Property Concern STH 73/44**

Buss explained the calcium chloride spill two years ago which damaged some property owned by Jerry Friday on STH 73/44. Buss recommends that we build a berm and dig out the area that was damaged.

*Motion/second (Henke/Whirry)* to approve and recommend to P&I building of a berm and to dig out damaged area on the Jerry Friday Property, STH 73/44. Motion Carried.

**6 Year Highway Improvement Plan, Traffic Counts, and Road Review Results**

Discussion held on various roads. Buss and Prachel to put together a plan with costs.

**Use of County Property**

*Motion/second (Henke/Whirry)* to approve the use of Highway Grounds September 13, 2012 at 8:30 pm for the Green Lake High School Bonfire. Motion Carried.

**2013 Budget** None

**Financial Reports-Accounts Receivable, Expenditures, and Revenues**

The Committee reviewed the Financial Reports for Highway.

**Railroad Consortium** None

**Closed Session** None

**Committee Discussion**

Buss informed committee members of the NC Region Fall Meeting in Stratford if anyone is interested in attending. The Agenda will be included in Octobers packet.

**Future agenda items for action and discussion:**

- **Committee Meeting October 9, 2012**
- **6 year improvement plan**

**Field Road Review** None

**Adjournment**

*Motion/second (Peters/Whirry)* to adjourn at 5:45 PM. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Becky Pence  
Secretary