

December 13, 2010

The regular meeting of the Highway Committee was called to order by Chair Eugene Henke at 9:00 AM on Monday, December 13, 2010. The requirements of the Open Meeting Law were certified as being met.

Present: Eugene Henke
Alma Hedberg
Ricky Perr
Donald Peters

Absent:

Others Present: Robert Podgorski, Highway Commissioner
Becky Pence, Administrative Assistant
Chuck Buss, Patrol Superintendent
Duane Prachel, County Superintendent
Tony Daley, The Berlin Journal Co.
Mike Exford, Mead & Hunt
Keith Nikolay, Ayres Associates
Mike Bandt & Amy Benton, Landmark
Scott Fenendael, Energy Solution Partners

Agenda

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

Minutes

Motion/second (Peters/Perr) to approve the meeting Minutes of November 08, 2010. Motion Carried.

Public Comments None

Correspondence

Email from Barb Taves regarding Mr. Klatt's appraisal; Denial letter from Great west Casualty Company; email from Keith Nikolay regarding B&H Intersection.

Appearances

Mike Exford, Mead & Hunt invited committee members attending the winter conference to stop in at their hospitilaty room, and asked that Mead & Hunt be considered for future work with Green Lake County.

Keith Nikolay also requested to extend Ayres Associates on call services for another year as they are still in the process of working with the right of way on CTH B, and CTH JJ Badger Mining. Robert Podgorski will put the on-call services on next month's agenda for action.

Amy Benton, Landmark introduced Mike Bandt Manager of Landmark. Mr. Bandt spoke about the fuel market and explained what Landmark can do for Green Lake County, and how the coop works.

Scott Fenendael, Energy Solution Partners appeared to update the committee on the fuel market and discussed other options that might work for Green Lake County needs.

Monthly Vouchers

Motion/second (Peters/Hedberg) to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$134,219.56. Motion Carried.

Commissioner's Report

Robert Podgorski reported the crew put up snow fence for State and County; put up fencing for Sheriff's Department new tower; harnessed equipment, grader, and trucks; plowed snow; cracked sealed State highways.

DOT Request for Services None

Badger Mining, CTH.JJ

Robert Podgorski reported that we still don't know what Badger Mining wants to do for the driveway.

CTH H & B Update

Keith Nikolay, Ayres Associates discussed the CTH B&H intersection, indicating that no response has been received from Mr. Klatt. Notification can be sent out to Mr. Klatt stating the condemnation process that we are buying the land due to safety purposes, with a 90 day response. Discussion was held in regards to proceeding with the condemnation.

Motion/second (Peters/Perr) to proceed with the condemnation process. Motion Carried.

Equipment Analysis

The Committee reviewed the Equipment Analysis Report.

Fuel

Robert Podgorski explained that we have until December 31, 2010 before the current contract with Energy Solution Systems expires. After Landmark's and Energy System's presentation, a decision to either contract with Energy Solution Systems or Landmark Cooperative, and to either lock in the price or go with averaging. If contracting with Energy Solution Systems, another option would be to lock in, and if the market price declines we would have the option to re-lock in the price at the lower price within in 3 months for an additional cost of .04/gallon contracted. Discussion was held with the various options.

Motion/second (Hedberg/Perr) to contract with Energy Solution Partners for 2011 and to approve the Highway Department to monitor stock market prices and determine whether to lock in or go with averaging price for 2011 contract. Roll-Call Vote, 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried.

Highway 8-Year Improvement Plan

A brief discussion was held and determined that in either January or February 2011 a road review will take place for CTH's, D, A, YY, and FFF.

Railroad Consortium

Eugene Henke reported that Green Lake County is the hottest county out of the 19 counties for shipping rail out. Ken Luecht will attend the County Board Meeting for portion of Highway's Annual Report.

Use of County Property None

Closed Session

Motion/Second (Peters/Hedberg) to move into Closed Session per ss19.85(1)c for Personnel Matters, Employee Evaluations, and General Laborer Interviews; ss19.85(a)(f) Medical History. Roll-Call Vote, 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried.

Resume Open Session

Motion/Second (Perr/Peters) to move into open session. Roll-Call Vote, 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried.

Announce Findings of Closed Session

Motion/second (Hedberg/Perr) to accept the evaluations of Chuck Buss, Patrol Superintendent; Steve Arndt, State Patrolman; and John Chappa, Mechanic and to forward evaluations on to their personnel file. Motion Carried.

General Laborer Interviews were held. Interviews will resume December 14, 2010 at 9:00 AM.

Crash Data and Locations

Committee reviewed 78 deer related accidents, 3 weather related, and 12 other related accidents.

Committee Discussion

Robert Podgorski reported on the ADHOC meeting held in November

Discussion was held on old/obsolete parts from inventory. We can try and sell at the auction, scrap/dispose of. Selling at auction or scrapping out wouldn't be worth anything. Robert Podgorski would like to sell out right at his discretion.

Motion/second (Peters/Perr) to approve Highway to sell at their discretion after consulting with John Selsing, Corporate Council regarding any legalities. Motion Carried.

Field Road Review None

Future agenda items for action and discussion:

- **Regular meeting date:** December 14, 2010 at 9:00 AM to conduct General Laborer Interviews
- **Regular meeting date:** January 10, 2011 at 9:00 AM

Adjournment

Motion/second (Hedberg/Perr) to adjourn at 4:00 PM. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Becky Pence
Administrative Assistant