

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
February 08, 2023

The meeting of the Highway Committee was called to order by Chair Dennis Mulder at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, February 08, 2023, in the County Board Room, Green Lake County Government Center, Green Lake, WI. The meeting was held both in person and via Microsoft Teams. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Dennis Mulder
Chuck Buss
Bill Boutwell
Bob Schweder
Charlie Weilgosh

Absent:

Other County Employees Present: Derek Mashuda, Highway Commissioner; Becky Pence, Administrative Assistant; Cate Wylie, County Administrator; Chief Deputy Matt Vande Kolk, County Board Chair Dave Abendroth, via Microsoft Teams.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 12/14/22

Motion/second (Boutwell/Schweder) to approve the minutes of 12/14/22. Motion carried with no negative vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

Discussion on Highway Department Winter Operating Hours

Highway Commissioner Derek Mashuda informed Committee Members of switching to 4–10-hour days next week for productivity with more efficient use of time; cost savings with start-up time, heat and electric, and employee retention.

Creating Highway Building Ad Hoc Committee

A resolution would need to go to the County Board for the creation of a Highway Building Ad Hoc Committee. Discussion held on the current outdated Highway facilities. Committee members agreed to direct Cate Wylie, County Administrator to proceed with a resolution to forward onto the County Board to appoint members to the Highway Building Ad Hoc Committee.

Discussion on Amending ATV Ordinance

Highway Commissioner Derek Mashuda explained why he would like to open all Green Lake County Trunk Highways as ATV routes.

Motion/second (Schweder/Boutwell) to suspend the rules, to allow Larry Workowski, Mike Wuest, Town of Brooklyn Chairman, and Chief Deputy, Matt Vande Kolk to speak. Motion carried with no negative vote.

Discussion held on safety concerns; ADT; what other counties have done,

Motion/second (Buss/Boutwell) to approve all Green Lake County Trunk Highways as ATV routes and to have the Corporate Counsel draft an Ordinance for Highway Committee approval. Motion Carried with 1 negative vote (Schweder).

Approval of ATV Permits, Conklin, Workowski

Conklin and Workowski ATV Permits will be brought back to Highway Committee pending the approval/disapproval of the new ATV Ordinance.

FINANCIALS

Financials for December were included in the packet.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Highway Commissioner Derek Mashuda provided an update on current and upcoming projects within the department.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Future meeting date: Regular meeting – March 8th @ 3:00 PM

Future agenda items:

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mulder adjourned the meeting at 4:10 PM.

Submitted by,

Becky Pence
Highway Committee Secretary