

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
May 08, 2024

The meeting of the Highway Committee was called to order by Highway Committee Secretary Pence at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, May 08, 2024, 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: Chuck Buss Absent:
 Dennis Mulder
 Harley Reabe
 Bob Schweder
 Charlie Wielgosh

Other County Employees Present: Derek Mashuda Highway Commissioner; Becky Pence Administrative Assistant; Cate Wylie, Administrator; Jeff Mann, Corporation Counsel; Ken Stefani, Finance Director; Matt Vande Kolk, Chief Deputy; Tony Daley, Newspapers

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Pence called for nominations for chair. Rober Schweder nominated Dennis Mulder. No other nominations. *Motion/second (Schweder/Buss)* to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Dennis Mulder. Mulder seated as Chair and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Chair Mulder called for nominations for Vice Chair. Charlie Wielgosh nominated Chuck Buss. No other nominations. *Motion/second (Reabe/Schweder)* to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Chuck Buss as Vice Chair. Motion carried with no negative vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 04/10/24

Motion/second (Buss/Schweder) to approve the minutes of 04/10/24. Motion carried with no negative vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

Discuss additional ATV/UTV Routes

Chair Mulder had a request to open CTH F from Country Inn to Berlin City Limits as ATV/UTV's need to practically go to Redgranite from CTH D to get back to the City of Berlin.

Motion/second (Buss/Schweder) to suspend the rules and allow Chief Deputy Matt Vande Kolk to speak. Vande Kolk spoke on the consideration of safety as CTH F is a consistent "hot zone" and has been for the last 10 years. Lengthy discussion followed. This will be brought back next month, and Vande Kolk will provide further information regarding crashes, injuries, etc., and Corporation Counsel Jess Mann will work on amending the resolution to open a portion of CTH D to the city limits, specification CTH F (CTH D-Fountain Road).

Ad hoc Highway Committee Update Regarding New Highway Facility

Administrator Wylie and Commissioner Mashuda gave an update on sending Request for Proposals (RFP) out for a Construction Manager. Administrator Wylie explained the role of the Construction Manager and how the RFP would likely be drafted. Supervisor Wielgosh questioned Finance Director Ken Stephani as to how the Construction Manager may be funded.

WCHA Summer Road School

Motion/second (Schweder/Buss) to approve any committee member who wishes to attend.

CTH T Farm Entrance Signage

Commissioner Mashuda explained the situation Mr. Kutz is encountering with his farm equipment and he is requesting to have farm entrance signs installed at no cost to the county.

Motion/second (Harley/Buss) to approve Highway Department to install farm entrance signs on CTH T and to invoice Mr. Kutz for the cost of signage and installation. Motion carried with no negative vote.

CTH M/GG Stop Control

Commissioner Mashuda brought forth a request from local citizens in the Southwest region of the county concerning intersection control at CTH M and CTH GG. He explained that the request was to remove a stop sign located Eastbound on CTH GG at this intersection. The commissioner explained the way intersection controls are determined and the fact that there is little guidance from DOT or an engineering standpoint to make a case one way or another. He explained the statistics of the intersection and all factors to consider while making this decision. Chief Deputy Vande Kolk brought up the fact that there are zero traffic related crashes at this intersection as it currently stands in the last ten years. Supervisor Reabe suggested leaving the intersection control as is since it seems to be a safe intersection and has low traffic.

Motion/second (Schweder/Wielgosh) to take no action and to leave as is.

Railroad Consortium

Chair Mulder stated the funding has been completed so, they can move on the bridges for Janesville which should be done by 2026.

Financials

Equipment, Expenditures and Revenues were reviewed/discussed.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

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

Future meeting date: Regular meeting June 12, 2024, at 3:00 PM

Future agenda items:

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mulder adjourned the meeting at 4:00 PM.

Submitted by,

Becky Pence
Highway Committee Secretary