HIGHWAY and AdHOC HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING December 11, 2024

The joint meeting of the Highway Committee and AdHoc Highway Committee was called to order by Chair Dennis Mulder at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, December 11, 2024 in the County Board Room, Green Lake County Government Center, Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Dennis Mulder Absent:

Bob Schweder Chuck Buss Harley Reabe Charlie Wielgosh Don Lenz

Other County Employees Present: Liz Otto, County Clerk; Derek Mashuda, Highway Commissioner; Jeff Mann, Corporation Counsel; Ken Stephani, Finance Director

APPROVAL OF 11/13/2024 MINUTES

Motion/second (Lenz/Schweder) to approve the minutes of the 11/13/2024 joint meeting of the Highway Committee with no additions or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT – none

<u>UPDATE AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PROPERTY ACQUISITION</u>

Chair Mulder stated that he met with Emmer Real Estate earlier in the day and reviewed 10 possible properties to pursue with the intent to contact current owners by Monday, December 16. All properties are at least 25 acres and Mulder stated the price ceiling is \$500,000. Discussion held on acreage and water/sewer requirements.

RAILROAD CONSORTIUM UPDATE

Chair Mulder stated there is nothing new to report since this group only meets every other month.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Highway Commissioner Derek Mashuda stated the Highway Department is currently 1% over budget overall. He also informed the committee that Green Lake County is top in the state for equipment operations revenue for the second year in a row. Discussion held on the CTH A project coming up in 2025.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Highway Commissioner Derek Mashuda outlined the current and completed projects in the last month. He stated that he is still looking to fill a Mechanic position. Snow fencing progress discussed. Mashuda also stated that he will begin using a new bid process next week at no charge which is the same as the DOT uses. This should help to streamline our current process as well as increase the range of vendors.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Future meeting date: Regular meeting – Next meeting set for January 8, 2025 at 3:00 PM.

Future agenda items:

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u> Chair Mulder adjourned the meeting at 3:32 PM.

Submitted by,

Liz Otto

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County Clerk