

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 9, 2025

The regular meeting of the Highway Committee was called to order by Chair Dennis Mulder at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, April 9, 2025 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
Bob Schweder
Chuck Buss
Harley Reabe
Charlie Weilgosh

Absent:

Other County Employees Present: Liz Otto, County Clerk; Derek Mashuda, Highway Commissioner; Jeff Mann, Corporation Counsel; Gene Thom, Supervisor #19; Dave Abendroth, County Board Chair; Jason Jerome, Interim County Administrator

MINUTES

Motion/second (Schweder/Buss) to approve the minutes of the 03/12/2025 meeting with no errors or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit) - none

APPEARANCES

- **Catie James** – not present
- **Jon Roti Roti**
Roti Roti spoke in regard to the current policies regarding tree removal in the county right of way. He stated that the county policies are in excess of state guidelines/policies, excessive tree removal provides less vegetation so therefore cuts down on tourism dollars, and the notification to landowners is not adequate.
- **Linda DeNell** – not present but Chair Mulder read an email sent earlier in the day stating she was unaware of the scheduled appearance and was not available. Her spouse did speak and also urged to implement a better notification process with information on the appeals process as well.

Chair Mulder stated that the notification process is the county's responsibility and that needs to be looked at and improved.

POLICY REVIEW – R/W clearing and grubbing

Highway Commissioner Derek Mashuda stated that one of the Highway Superintendents spends many hours on notifying landowners regarding upcoming projects and tree removal. Interim County Administrator Jason Jerome suggested a meeting with Mashuda to discuss ideas and implement a better process moving forward. This will be brought back to the committee when completed.

GELHAR ESCROW CONTRACT REVIEW

Highway Commissioner Derek Mashuda requested guidance on the current contract in place with Gelhar in regard to use of CTH S for heavy hauling of sand. The initial contract required an annual maintenance fee from Gelhar of \$36,000 to help maintain the road but the project was never implemented. There is currently just over \$123,000 in an escrow account. Discussion held regarding possible return of the funds but to maintain the contract pending any future work needed due to an increase in use by Gelhar. Corporation Counsel Jeff Mann requested that Mashuda be allowed to discern the future of the funds pending a meeting with Gelhar and the decision be brought back to the committee.

HIGHWAY FACILITY UPDATE

Chair Mulder stated that as of this date Green Lake Sanitary District has approved installation with a developer's agreement due

on 04/15/2025. Closing on the land should take place on 04/21/2025. Corporation Counsel Jeff Mann stated he is confident that all of the pieces will go through as planned. Highway Commissioner Derek Mashuda provided an updated schedule timeline which includes construction beginning on August 6, 2025 and a final completion date of November of 2026. Mashuda also provided maps and plans of the structure.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Highway Commissioner Derek Mashuda gave an overview of current financials.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Highway Commissioner Derek Mashuda stated the current projects the department is working on and upcoming projects such as snow fence removal and removing plows from trucks.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

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

Future agenda items:

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mulder adjourned the meeting at 4:11PM.

Submitted by,

Liz Otto
County Clerk