

**Price County Highway & Transportation
Committee Meeting Minutes**

Date: February 9, 2017 Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Courthouse County Board Room 101; 126 Cherry St; Phillips, WI 54555

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Larry Palecek, Chairperson. Roll Call: Present: Jim Adolph, Al Haskins, Ron Heikkinen, Larry Palecek, Dennis Wartgow. Also present: Don Grande, Brian Ernst, Nick Trimner, Bruce Jilka, Bob Kopisch

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment: Introduced Joe Neeb who is the Operator II/Dams Keeper.
2. Minutes December 8, 2016 meeting: Motion Heikkinen/Adolph to approve the minutes from the December 6, 2016 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. Town of Worcester – Old 13 Road: No information since last meeting.
4. County Highway H – Lake Duroy Bridge: Deck replacement. Estimates have come in over budget. Request for additional funding has been denied. Have the option of resubmitting application for next project cycle but will still need to complete in 2019.
5. County Highway B – Butternut Creek Bridge: Full bridge replacement. Received estimate for alternative structure – precast concrete bridge – which would be funded by the county. Options for funds: general fund, borrowing, take from other scheduled projects. Federal funding could be transferred from other projects. Trout Road will need to be repaired for use until the bridge project can be completed. Motion Wartgow/Adolph to proceed with bridge replacement design, outside of federal projects, and forward to the Executive Committee for options for funding. Motion carried.
6. Prentice Remediation: Final phase of testing and expected request for closure.
7. WCHA Update: Winter Road School attended. Completed legislative position papers.
8. Department Reports: Several training sessions for municipalities.
 - a. Highway Crew: Jay Esterholm and Dustin Osimitz. Interviews held for filling one other position. Brushing, patching, reported on products used with winter maintenance.
 - b. Shop / Office
 - i. Accountant Retirement: Cathy Moritz retired February 3rd after 27 years of service.
 - ii. Office Staffing: Rachel Dahlke has transferred to Accountant position and Jenny Voda to the Fiscal Assistant position.
 - c. Airport – Brian Ernst. Winter maintenance. BOA is moving forward with the roof and equipment building door projects. Traffic has been slow.
 - d. Dams – planning a tour of county dams. Solberg Dam will need inspection by divers.
 - i. Transition staffing/training: Joe Neeb is the new dams keeper. Transition is going well.
 - ii. Jobs Dam Project Update: Waiting on plans and specs.
 - iii. Prentice Dam Project Update: Waiting on plans and spec.
 - iv. Weimers (Murray) Dam Project Update: DNR plan approval received. Construction bids need to be approved. Drawdown scheduled for September 5th and construction start September 17th.
9. Vouchers: Motion Heikkinen/Adolph to approve vouchers in the amount of \$291,475.52. Motion carried.
10. Schedule next meeting: March 9, 2017.
11. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk