

Price County Highway & Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 12, 2018

Time: 9:00 a.m.

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

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

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment: None.
2. Minutes February 8 and February 20, 2018 meetings: Motion Adolph/Heikkinen to approve the minutes of the February 8 and 20, 2018 as presented. Motion carried.
3. Resolution - Request to Apply for WDNR 2018 Municipal Dam Grant Program (Musser Dam): Has been reviewed and approved by Executive Committee. Motion Wartgow/Adolph to approve resolution and forward to County Board with recommendation for adoption. Motion carried.
4. Resolution - Request to Apply for WDNR 2018 Municipal Dam Grant Program (Solberg Dam): Has been reviewed and approved by Executive Committee. Motion Heikkinen/Haskins to approve resolution and forward to County Board with recommendation for adoption. Motion carried.
5. County Highway H Bridge Project Funding: Reviewed project scope and changes to expected cost overages. Project is scheduled to begin.
6. Wisconsin County Highway Association: Working on changes to Local Program. Meeting in Washington, D.C. and in Wisconsin Dells in April.
7. Federal Highway Administration, Local Road Safety Plan Grant: Have mapped crash data and looking at design deficiencies. Will have draft for review at the May meeting.
8. North Central Region Spring Meeting: April 27th in Stratford. Motion Heikkinen/Adolph to approve sending four committee members to the spring meeting. Motion carried.
9. 2018 Infrastructure Improvement Updated Plan: Reviewed changes presented in the updated plan. 2018 projects have been bid. Motion Wartgow/Adolph to approve the updated 2018 summer work plan. Motion carried.
10. Policy Review Update: Presented the Mailbox Accommodation Policy for review.
11. Spring Facilities and Infrastructure Tour: May 16th. Reviewed itinerary. Will encourage attendance by all County Board members.
12. Department Reports
 - a. Highway Crew – Joe Baratka: Winter maintenance. Brushing. Upcoming: anti-icing, tree cutting, guardrail debridement, pothole patching, sign repair, dealing with any water issues.
 - b. Facilities / Office: Chuck Fischer has resigned as Shop Superintendent. Recruiting to fill position. Parts Room reorganization. Purchased used box and spreader for #52. Fuel system repair. Tandem chassis ordered. Issue with drain system in the old building – looking at options. Prentice site being closed and property transferred. \$109,000 PBM for crack filling on US Highway 8. Don and Joe presenting at Michigan Department of Transportation in October. Receiving Leaders in Transportation Award for work done in Price County that has had positive impacts on the industry. Year-end closings have been done. Public concerns about the recreational underpass on the Long Lake/Wilson Lake County Truck Highway W crossing. Structure is inspected every season and is currently in poor condition but has not failed. Waiting for results of the Lake Association request for a winter drawdown to work in a replacement. Prepared to proceed with emergency replacement if it does fail.
 - c. Airport – Mike Brill: Winter maintenance. Jet traffic has been up. Final phase of old terminal building roof ready to go. Working on compliance issues. Becher Hoppe working on last phase of Airport Improvement Plan. Working on six-year plan. Have signed agreement with Phillips Chamber to sponsor annual airshow/fly-in. Airport users have been extremely pleased with management transition.
 - d. Dams – Joe Neeb: All lakes at winter water levels. Weimers and Jobes electronic water level monitoring systems have been installed, tested and in use. Prentice Dam project completion reimbursement requested. Musser and Solberg projects include electronic water level monitoring systems, catwalk tie offs and other safety measures. Spring maintenance and inspection being scheduled.
13. Vouchers: Motion Wartgow/Heikkinen to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$255,737.94. Motion carried.
14. Schedule next meeting: May 16th at 7:00 a.m.
15. Meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk