

Price County Highway & Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: January 10, 2023

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, Committee Chairperson.

Roll Call: Present: Doug Erickson, Brian Ernst, Mark Kyle, Larry Palecek, Jordan Spacek. Also present: Nick Trimner, Roger Petrick, Vance Pollitt, Alan Barkstrom, Paula Houdek (remote)

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communications: Thank you card from Leo Namtzu family.
2. Minutes from the October 6, 2022 meeting: Motion Spacek/Kyle to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. Bids – Five-year Agriculture Lease: One bid received. Motion Ernst/Erickson to award the lease to United Price Dairy. Motion carried.
4. County Highway E Project Update: Working on obtaining right-of-way purchases. Anticipate a mid-summer start date.
5. County Highway A Truck Traffic: Discussion on weight and length limits. Would need justification for a year-round posting.
6. Motor Grader: Repairs estimate of \$263,000. Cost for a new unit \$388,000 with \$40,000 trade-in. Will get pricing on a used unit and do an inspection for necessary repairs. Motion Kyle/Spacek to get pricing on replacement of the cab, electrical, transmission and inspection of hydraulic drives. Motion carried.
7. Winter Call-outs
 - a. Winter Highway Classification: Provided information on DOT classification of state highways and associated maintenance requirements.
 - i. Maintenance Protocol: Reviewed on-call and call-out procedures. Required coverage is 4am – 10pm on state roads. 4am – 8pm on county roads.
 - ii. Plowing and Ice Control: Six state routes and seven county routes. County roads use sand mixture at 5% salt. Brining is 40 gallons per lane mile and provides preventative ice build-up. Currently at 42” of snow compared to 24” last season.
8. State Contracts (Routine Maintenance Agreement, Local Force Agreement, Discretionary Maintenance Agreement): Report on state contracts awarded. Trying to get funding for remediation work on State Highway 13 through Phillips.
9. Resolution – Request Wisconsin DOT to Prioritize State Highway 13 Project (County Highway D to County Highway F): Motion Spacek/Erickson to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
10. Hanger Use Policy and Lease Agreement: Nothing more to report.
11. Wisconsin County Highway Association: Winter Road School January 23-25. Larry is attending.
12. Department Reports
 - a. Commissioner: Local Road Safety Plan was completed and approved by the DOT. Looking for funding to improve Highway C for new business starting up. Recruiting for one Highway Operator. Radios and towers are needing upgrade.
 - b. Airport: Snow removal. Bid documents for new equipment.
 - c. Dams: Winter maintenance. Putting together projects for the next funding schedule.
 - d. Highway Crew: Dealing with a lot of snow and tree damage.
 - e. Fleet and Facilities: Bid on new pickup. New truck arrived. Continue to look for a forklift.
13. Vouchers: Motion Spacek/Ernst to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$2,727,082.49. Motion carried.
14. Schedule next meeting: March 14, 2023
15. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jean Gottwald, County Clerk