

## Price County Highway & Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: January 13, 2021

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: Jeff Hallstrand, James Hintz, Larry Palecek, Jordan Spacek, Bob Kopisch (ex officio). Also present: Nick Trimner, Joe Baratka, Sarah Soul, Adam Nelson.

Nick reviewed process for electronic meeting attendance and participation.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment: Jordan Spacek commented on questions he is getting regarding salt brining the roads and providing more education to the public.
2. Minutes October 6, 2020 meeting: Motion Spacek/Hallstrand to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. Elect Vice-chairperson: Spacek nominated Jeff Hallstrand. Three calls for further nominations. Motion Kopisch/Spacek to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jeff Hallstrand for committee vice-chairperson. Motion carried.
4. Open Bids/Proposals
  - a. Open Asphalt Bids: American Asphalt for several projects.
  - b. Open Emulsion Oil Proposals: Henry Meigs and Fahrner, Flint Hills
  - c. Open Chip Seal Aggregate proposals: Olynick, Northern Lakes Concrete, Todd's Ready MixAll bids will be reviewed and vetted by the Highway Commissioner, who will report results at next committee meeting.
5. Facilities Improvement Program
  - a. Shop Truck Lift: Did not get the funding from COVID funds. Is not classified as facility improvement since it is a mobile unit. \$46,315. Motion Kopisch/Hintz to use Facilities Funds for the purchase of the shop truck lift. Motion carried.
6. Request to Amend 2021 Equipment Improvement Program
  - a. State Mandated Crash Attenuator: Safety device for use on equipment that would be in the line of traffic on state highways. \$25,000-\$30,000.
7. County Highway W Project Update: Met with contractors in October. There have not been any communications since then. Withholding \$75,000 from project. Highway crew will repair in the spring if no response from contractor.
8. 2020 Construction Progress Update: Reviewed status of 2020 projects.
9. Local Road Improvement Plan-Supplemental (LRIP-S): County Road E Funding: Additional funds of \$1 million provided that will allow the County to upgrade the planned project.
10. Mutual Aid Agreement: Motion Spacek/Hintz to approve participation in the mutual aid agreement with the North Central Region Counties. Motion carried.
11. Resolution: Designating Work Zone Awareness Week in Price County: Motion Hintz/Hallstrand to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board with recommendation for adoption. Motion carried.
12. Transfer Former State Highway 13 Wayside Property to the State of Wisconsin: Requiring County action per the State of Wisconsin in order for them to offer the property for sale. Motion Hintz/Kopisch to approve the transaction and forward to the Executive Committee for their consideration with recommendation for their approval. Motion carried.
13. Hillside Lane Transfer Update: Transaction to transfer the road next to the salt shed from Town of Worcester to Price County. Expected to be completed.
14. County Highway Within Municipalities
  - a. \$83,025 State Statutes, Maintenance & Construction Responsibilities: Involves several County Highways within city and village boundaries and upcoming projects.
15. Municipal Dams Grant – Weimers Dam Gate Project Update: Getting bids for replacing from four to six of the gates with a different design structure.
16. Airport Improvement Project Update: Contractor took topographical photos to assist with materials calculations. Project on track for 2021. BOA in process of approving plans with bid letting anticipated in June. Air Show will be cancelled for 2021.
17. Wisconsin County Highway Association: 2021 Winter Road School cancelled. Still planning the summer road school and Highway Commissioner's training. Working with State on mandated crash attenuator.

18. Department Reports

- a. Airport: Snow plowing. Air traffic has been slow.
- b. Dams – Adam Nelson: Lakes at winter level. Reviewing emergency and operations plans. Snow and ice removal. Monitoring levels, equipment and repairs. Soo Lake Association working with DNR for potential 6' drawdown.
- c. Highway Crew: Responding to snow and ice conditions. Ditching, brushing, boom mowing.

Hintz excused at 11:25 a.m.

- d. Fleet and Facilities: Two operators have resigned. Recruiting for two Operator II positions. Reviewing retention issues. Developing a plan for structuring hours per day and per week. Purchase of one-ton truck and broom. Insurance claim is covering cost of new broom. Working on needed upgrades to existing equipment and replacing, as necessary. Wastewater pits maintenance.

19. Vouchers: Motion Spacek/Hallstrand to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$698,881.52. Motion carried.

20. Schedule next meeting: February 9, March 9.

21. Meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk