

Price County Highway & Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: February 6, 2020

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: Bruce Jilka, Larry Palecek, William Teeters, Dennis Wartgow. Excused: Jordan Spacek. Also present: Nick Trimner, Joe Baratka, Brian Roush, Carrie Kyle, Bob Kopisch, Jim Adolph

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment: None.
2. Minutes January 9, 2020 meeting: Motion Wartgow/Teeters to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. County Highway W Project Update: Contracts being finalized. Start date of March 2nd, resulting in less downtime of road during mid to late summer months. Will get information out to the public regarding detour on Flemings Rapids Road.
4. Update on Capital Improvement Projects Funding: Discussed projects needing to be done and cost. Potential for an August 11th advisory referendum and/or public forums to get the information to county taxpayers. Executive Committee will discuss at their next meeting.
5. Memorandum of Understanding with Lincoln County- County YY Bridge Project: Bridge was originally designated a shared bridge between Lincoln County and Price County. This practice has been dissolved and owner of the bridge is Lincoln County. Price County has agreed to sponsor the bridge replacement project with cost being split 50/50. Motion Jilka/Teeters to postpone until next meeting for additional information. Motion carried.
6. Resolution - Request to Apply for WDNR 2020 Municipal Dam Grant Program (Weimers Dam): Motion Jilka/Wartgow to approve the resolution and forward to the Executive Committee for their consideration. Motion carried.
7. Policies
 - a. Seasonal Special Weight Permit Policy: Motion Wartgow/Jilka to approve the Seasonal Weight Limit Permit Policy. Motion carried.
 - b. Flagger Certification Required To Work On County Highway System: Discussion on Price County policy. Motion Jilka/Teeters to approve with changes discussed. Motion carried.
8. Xcel Energy Utility Permit Request – County Road F Project: Contractor is running equipment on County Road F and there is potential for significant road damage occurring during their project. They have offered to put mats down where they need to be crossing county roads or repair any damaged roadways. Motion Jilka/Wartgow to direct the Highway Commissioner and the County Administrator to work with corporation counsel to draft an agreement to cover repair of any damages to County Road F resulting from the Xcel Energy/Hooper Corporation County Road F project, including a minimum \$1,500,000 performance bond and a minimum \$650,000 advance cash payment. Motion carried.
9. Wisconsin County Highway Association: Joe and Larry attended the Winter Road School. Additional education and law enforcement presence for construction zone speed limits. New DOT utility policy. Price County is in top 15 Wisconsin counties for reduction in salt usage. DOT is promoting brine usage. March 17-18 Spring Commissioner Training.
10. Department Reports
 - a. Airport: Fuel sales are seasonally low. Helicopter in area for work on power lines. Continue work with BOA for upcoming projects.
 - b. Dams: Craig Fischer hired as new Dams Superintendent. Continue work on Weimers Dam project. Normal winter water levels.
 - c. Highway Crew: Continued winter maintenance. Snow removal from bridges. Benching, pushing and removing snowbanks. Rectifying frozen culverts.
 - d. Fleet and Facilities: Mark Kyle resignation as of March 15th. Randy Cummings retiring as of March 6th after 26 years of service. New plow truck received and in service. Making use of existing equipment as needed. Blade inventory. Received quotes for purchase of a new truck.
11. Vouchers: Motion Wartgow/Teeters to approve vouchers in the amount of \$80,419.20. Motion carried.
12. Schedule next meeting: March 12th.
13. Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk