

Price County Highway & Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: March 9, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m.

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

Meeting called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Larry Palecek, Committee Chairperson.

Roll Call: Present: Jeff Hallstrand, James Hintz, Larry Palecek, Jordan Spacek, Bob Kopisch (ex officio).

Also present: Joe Baratka, Nick Trimner, Adam Nelson

Nick reviewed process for electronic meeting attendance and participation.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment: Larry received a letter from Irene Johnson commending the Highway Department for winter road work.
 2. Minutes February 9, 2021 meeting: Motion Hintz/Hallstrand to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
 3. 2021 Equipment Improvement Program Update - State Mandated Crash Attenuator: Do not need to amend the equipment fund list for a purchase of a new attenuator. The current attenuator has been approved. Motion Kopisch/Hintz to withdraw the request to amend the 2021 equipment plan at this time. Motion carried.
 4. Permit and Other Department Fees: Joe is reviewing the various department policies to find what fees are included and will reevaluate. Discussion on various permit fees.
 5. Base Aggregate Gravel Request for Proposal Tabulation and Award Update: Accepted lowest bid from Grandberg Brothers at \$5.17 per ton.
 6. Highway Debt Fund Allocation for Construction and/or Maintenance: Nick discussed options for tracking Highway funding: tax levy capital projects, winter maintenance, summer road maintenance. Motion Spacek/Hintz to support the plan as discussed and forward to the Executive Committee for consideration. Motion carried.
 7. Municipal Dams Grant – Weimers Dam Gate Project Schedule Update – Nelson: DNR has approved project plans. Engineer has presented construction schedule, with project start date of June 21st. Will require drawdown of 2.5 feet for gate repairs and 4-5 feet for further concrete repairs. May request drawdown until after July 4th. Will get word out to property owners regarding the drawdowns and dates involved. Bid opening April 9th.
 8. Airport Improvement Project Update: Delay of bid meeting to March 24th, with bid opening April 8th. Delay may postpone construction until next year.
 9. Wisconsin County Highway Association: Anticipating a fall conference. Summer Road School is scheduled.
 10. Department Reports
 - a. Commissioner: Received a complaint from Village of Catawba/Kennan Utility that highway equipment damaged a manhole cover. Will submit to our insurance company if the Village files a claim. Citizen complaint regarding scheduled tree removal on County YY. Retirement of Dan Holman, mechanic. Road postings went on March 8th at 9am. Citizen request for ATV/UTV Route for bridge crossing on State Highway 13 from Fayette Street to County Highway F. Request needs to come from county association. Notice increased violations of snowmobiles and ATV/UTV riding off approved routes. State Highway 13 project through the City of Phillips has been pushed back to 2023.
 - b. Airport: Nothing more.
 - c. Dams: Winter maintenance. Monitoring levels and concrete and equipment.
 - d. Highway Crew: Winter maintenance continues. Bridge cleaning, intersection and ditching. Brushing done on Highway 13 south. Checking frost tubes.
 - e. Fleet and Facilities: One ton truck delivered. Truck #39 delivered, with spec issues to be resolved. Purchased spray patcher with truck. Boom truck being certified. Patch wagon repairs. Reviewing equipment in need of repair and/or replacement.
 11. Vouchers: Motion Hintz/Hallstrand to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$575,782.96. Motion carried.
 12. Schedule next meeting: April 13.
 13. Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.
- Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk