

Price County Highway & Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: March 12, 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, Jordan Spacek, William Teeters, Dennis Wartgow. Also present: Nick Trimner, Joe Baratka, Carrie Kyle, Vance Pollitt, Michael Brill, Mark Kyle

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment: None.
 2. Minutes February 6, 2020 meeting: Motion Wartgow/Spacek to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
 3. County Highway W Project Update: Project begins 3/30/2020. Price County is responsible for detour and posting signs. Public service announcements: paper, radio, and Channel 12. Joe met with local EMS, schools, etc. to review detour plans. Boat traffic estimated to be open by 6/26/2020 and roadway estimated to be open 8/15/2020.
 4. Update on Capital Improvement Projects Funding: Executive meeting had vote of 4 to 1 in favor. Joe to hold public information sessions this summer and attend the Towns Association meeting in April.
 5. Memorandum of Understanding with Lincoln County- County YY Bridge Project: Still in negotiations. Cost would be split 50/50. Concern that Price County would need to use all their entitlements because Lincoln County doesn't have any. Suggested MOU to come from Lincoln County with Price County to review.
 6. Update Xcel Energy County Highway F, B and E Projects: Xcel Energy rejected Price County plan. Continue to follow Price County policies with utility permits.
 7. Adopt-a-Highway Policy: Change to increase participant age to 15 years old/9th grade due to safety concerns. Will provide the current participant originations with updated policy. Motion Teeters/Jilka to approve the updated Adopt-a-Highway policy as presented. Motion carried.
 8. State Multimodal Local Supplemental Grant Program Update: Price County Highway did not receive a grant this year. Town of Lake and Town of Agenda did receive a grant.
 9. Wisconsin County Highway Association: Spring meeting on 3/17 and 3/18 in Eau Claire. Joe is on the Utility Committee that is reviewing the Utility Accommodation Policy.
 10. Department Reports
 - a. Airport - Michael Brill: Mild weather has promoted an increase in 100LL sales. Helicopter working on the power lines has increased the Jet-A sales. Application for the air show waiver has been sent to the FAA for approval with the dates being June 26-27, 2020. Becher-Hoppe chosen to engineer and facilitate construction for the airport improvement project. BOA recruiting engineer firm for the runway 1/19 rehabilitation project. Engineering in 2020, construction in 2021.
 - b. Dams: Water levels have been stable. Musser Dam maintenance project. Weimer Dam grant moving ahead. Tabletop exercise set for March 19th 1-3pm.
 - c. Highway Crew: The Highway Department responded to 12 storm events in February. Highway Crew has been pushing back drifted areas, digging out culvert ends, steaming frozen culverts, storm drains and bridge drains ahead of warmups and thawing. Pothole patching, brushing, limb trimming.
 - d. Fleet and Facilities - Mark Kyle: Equipment maintenance. Equipment auction completed. New truck ordered from I-State trucking, expected in 18 months.
 11. Vouchers: Motion Spacek /Teeters to approve the voucher in the amount of \$703,042.66 Motion carried.
 12. Future Agenda Items: No suggestions.
 13. Schedule next meeting: April 9, 2020 @ 9 am
 14. Meeting adjourned at 11:10am
- Respectfully submitted: Erica Bockerstette, Deputy County Clerk