

Price County Highway & Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 12, 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

Nick reviewed process for electronic meeting attendance and participation.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment: None.
2. Minutes March 9, 2021 meeting: Motion Spacek/Hallstrand to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. Work Zone Safety Week April 26- April 30: Viewed WCHA video. To be presented at the April 20th County Board meeting.
4. ATV/UTV State Highway 13 Route Request – Price County ATV Association: Gary Revak spoke on behalf of the Price County ATV Association requesting an ATV/UTV route on State Highway 13 from Fayette Street to County Road F/Airport Road. Motion Spacek/Hallstrand to approve the Price County ATV Association requested route on State Highway 13 from Fayette Street to County Highway F/Airport Road and draft ordinance for consideration by the County Board. Roll call vote: Roll call vote: Yes (2): Hallstrand, Spacek. No: (3): Hintz, Kopisch, Palecek. Motion failed.
5. Permit and Other Department Fees: Reviewed schedule: Motion Spacek/Hallstrand to postpone until next meeting. Motion carried.
6. Plan 2021 Road Tour: Tentatively June 1st.
7. 2021 Construction Schedule: Reviewed schedule of department and contracted construction projects.
8. Municipal Dams Grant – Weimers Dam Gate Project
 - a. Bid Tabulation Report and Award Update: Engineer has asked for extension to April 19th. Will need a meeting on April 20th if the bids come in over budget.
9. Airport Improvement Project Update: \$2,643,216 low bid. Does not include engineering costs. Expect total of \$3 - \$3.1 million. Anticipating 2022 construction.
10. Wisconsin County Highway Association: Road School June 7-9.
11. Department Reports
 - a. Commissioner: Working with property owner regarding needed tree removal on County Rd YY. Possible road postings lifted April 26th, depending on road conditions. State Highway 13 in Phillips project will be 2023 with bridge projects in 2022.
 - b. Airport: Travel is starting to pick up. Ready for summer maintenance.
 - c. Dams: All lakes returned to normal levels. Monitoring conditions and levels.
 - d. Highway Crew: Winding down winter maintenance. Doing winter clean-up, spring tasks and readying for summer maintenance.
 - e. Fleet and Facilities: 1-ton pickup delivered. Purchased spray patcher from auction. Thomas Marsh hired as mechanic. Crash attenuator mounted on Truck 41. Reviewing equipment maintenance and purchase needs.
12. Vouchers: Motion Hallstrand/Spacek to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$1,254,331.21. Motion carried.
13. Schedule next meeting: May 6, June 1
14. Closed Session: Announcement and motion Hintz/Spacek to adjourn to closed session at 10:44 a.m. pursuant to the exemption in Wis. State Statute 19.85 (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. For the purpose of:
 - a. Damages to Private Property
 - b. Motion to Return to Open SessionRoll call vote: Yes (5): Hallstrand, Hintz, Kopisch, Palecek, Spacek. No: (0). Motion carried. Motion in closed session to return to open session at 11:02 a.m. Roll call vote: Yes (5): Hallstrand, Hintz, Kopisch, Palecek, Spacek. No: (0). Motion carried.
15. Take Action, as needed, on closed session items: Motion Kopisch/Hallstrand to approve the settlement as discussed in closed session. Motion carried.
16. Meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk