

## Price County Highway & Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: May 6, 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: Alan Barkstrom, Jeff Hallstrand, James Hintz, Larry Palecek, Jordan Spacek. Also present: Nick Trimner, Joe Baratka, Bob Kopisch

Nick reviewed process for electronic meeting attendance and participation.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment: Jordan Spacek asked about an issue on a road that is the responsibility of WDOT.
2. Minutes April 12 and April 20, 2021 meetings: Motion Hintz/Spacek to approve the minutes from the April 12 and April 20, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. Bridge and Culvert Aid - Town of Lake Request for Timm Road: Dave Wagner, Town Chair, present. Will need DNR permitting due to it being a Class I trout stream. Planning project for 2022. Motion Spacek/Hallstrand to approve the request and forward to the Executive Committee. Motion carried.
4. County Highway O Bridge Replacement Engineering: Will start engineering on the project scheduled for 2023 for potential federal funds that may become available. If this project does get approved, a scheduled project will need to be delayed. Motion Hallstrand/Barkstrom to approve proceeding with the project. Motion carried.
5. Lower Speed Limit Request – County Road H from Forest Lane to Musser Drive: Request from citizen to reduce the speed limit on a portion of County Road H. The Traffic Safety Commission reviewed and agreed with the speed reduction. Motion Spacek/Hintz to leave the speed limit at 55 mph. Motion carried.
6. Yearly Equipment Report - Per resolution 9-14: Reviewed the report information.
7. Permit and Other Department Fees: Discussed department permits and associated fees. Motion Hintz/Spacek to approve the permit and fee schedule as presented. Motion carried on voice vote.
8. Plan 2021 Road Tour – Draft Agenda/Route: Reviewed the route planned.
9. Weimers Dam Gate Project Update: Contract awarded to Janke to start June 21<sup>st</sup> with stipulation of return to normal water levels by July 4<sup>th</sup>.
10. Airport Improvement Project Update: Project is progressing. Site construction contract has been awarded. Final grant request filed with FAA for runway reconstruction and lighting updates. Anticipate grant award late summer 2021 with construction to start May 2022. Hintz requested moving the weather siren out of the path of the beacon.
11. Wisconsin County Highway Association: Draft agenda for the June Road School. Joe attended Commission training. WCHA will reinstate in-person meetings and conferences following COVID protocol.
12. Department Reports
  - a. Commissioner: Citizen complaint on Weimers Dam erosion. Resolved County Road YY tree issue. Ready for construction projects that may need to move more quickly if additional funding becomes available. Administration Committee updated on-call process. WDOT County C and County A bridge projects will be starting. The State Trooper who did weight and equipment inspections in Price County has retired and is not being replaced.
  - b. Airport: Working on upcoming projects. Ready for summer maintenance.
  - c. Dams: Working on upcoming projects. Normal water levels. Routine maintenance and monitoring. Water level complaint on Wilson Lake.
  - d. Highway Crew: Road sweeping. Tree removal. Patching, grading and shouldering. Culvert inspection and inventory. Safety trainings. Salt supply delivered for next year. Worked on Fairground project cleanup.
  - e. Fleet and Facilities: Bids out for two new trucks. Equipment maintenance and upgrades. Tom Marsh hired as mechanic. Trucks being switched from winter to summer maintenance. Plow trucks outfitted with route tracking software.
13. Vouchers: Motion Spacek/Hintz to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$122,316.07. Motion carried.
14. Schedule next meeting: June 1 Road Tour starting at 7:30 a.m.
15. Meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk