

Price County Highway & Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: July 18, 2023 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: Doug Erickson, Brian Ernst, Mark Kyle, Larry Palecek, Jordan Spacek. Also present: Nick Trimner, Rodger Petrick, Alan Barkstrom.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communications: Supervisor Barkstrom asked question about Forestry and Parks Department using Highway Department equipment instead of purchasing own equipment.
2. Minutes from the May 9, 2023 meeting: Motion by Spacek/Kyle to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. Bridge and Culvert Aid:
 - a. Town of Georgetown: Motion Spacek/Ernst to approve the Bridge and Culvert Aid application from the Town of Georgetown and forward to the Executive Committee for their consideration. Motion carried.
 - b. Town of Knox: Motion Erickson/ Spacek to approve the Bridge and Culvert Aid application from the Town of Knox and forward to the Executive Committee for their consideration. Motion carried.
 - c. Town of Prentice – 1: Motion Kyle/ Ernst to approve the Bridge and Culvert Aid application from the Town of Prentice (2) and forward to the Executive Committee for their consideration. Doug Erickson abstains. Motion carried.
 - d. Town of Prentice – 2: Motion Kyle/ Ernst to approve the Bridge and Culvert Aid application from the Town of Prentice (2) and forward to the Executive Committee for their consideration. Doug Erickson abstains. Motion carried.
 - e. Amend Resolution 34-22 – Town of Fifield: Motion Ernst/ Ernst to approve the amendment to Resolution 34-22 Bridge and Culvert Aid application from the Town of Fifield and forward to the Executive Committee for their consideration. Motion carried.
4. Summer Construction Updates
 - a. County Highway B: Pushed back due to plant issues.
 - b. County Highway E: Utility issues, gas line on 7th Avenue.
5. Fall Road Tour – August 28 starts at 7am at Highway shop.
6. Wisconsin County Highway Association: Wisconsin Town Association taking over Local Roads Improvement Program (LRIP) in Price County.
7. Department Reports
 - a. Commissioner: Rehab reports two bridges, one for the county and one for Town of Ogema. Qualify for rehabilitation, to be replaced.
 - b. Airport: Selling surplus items. Fire hydrant, first estimate at \$18,000. Still looking for estimates.
 - c. Dams: Maintaining minimum flow. Solberg Lake is lower than normal summer level due to lack of rainfall. The below normal water level has resulted in a representative from WI DNR contacting Price County Dams to inform of low water levels to the stream below Solberg Dam
 - d. Highway Crew: All county highways mowing is completed. State mowing wrapping up. DOT states we need to be completed by August 1st. Changed and added all new river and lake destination signage on state highways. Boom mowed Highway C. Changed 13 culverts on Highway W in preparation of paving next year. Changed 14 culverts on Highway D. Cracked filled on Highway W, Forest Lane to Sawyer County Line. Cracked filled on Highway I. Highway B finished ditching. Cleaned up storm damage on Highway 182.
 - e. Fleet and Facilities: New Holland tractor with loader and 9-foot disk mower got delivered. Total \$71,601. Truck 44 new transmission \$1,800. 2023 New Truck completion date early 2024, chassis \$142,000 plow package: \$156,000. All winter trucks turned over to Summer. Purchased a used pickup truck from Forestry and Parks Department. Currently we are still adding trucks and not selling to have as backups. Looking at getting a professional opinion on two trucks due to frames being cracked.
8. Vouchers: Motion Kyle/ Spacek to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$281,369.31. Motion carried.
9. Schedule next meeting: August 28 - Road Tour
10. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

Respectfully submitted by Robyn Ragen, Deputy County Clerk