

## Price County Highway & Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: August 10, 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, Vance Pollitt, Mike Brill, Adam Nelson, Sarah Soul, Bob Kopisch, Dennis Wartgow.

Nick reviewed process for those attending electronically.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communications: None.
2. Minutes May 6 and June 1, 2021 meetings: Motion Hintz/Hallstrand to approve the minutes of the May 6 and June 1, 2021 meetings as presented. Motion carried.
3. Construction and Maintenance Responsibilities within a City or Village: Maintenance needed on the County A Bridge project required repairs outside of the project. Joe approached the Village regarding their responsibility versus County responsibility. County's standard for responsibility on County Highways is travel width of the road.
4. ATV Route Request on State Highway – State Highway 70 Culvert Crossing: Bonnie Salm, Town of Fifield and Fifield Dirt Devils requesting ATV route crossing. Will require adoption of a county ordinance and Town of Fifield ordinance. Motion Hallstrand/Spacek to proceed with the request for ATV Route crossing of 2,000' over a culvert on State Highway 70 in the Town of Fifield on a one year trial basis. Roll call vote: Yes (5): Barkstrom, Hallstrand, Hintz, Palecek, Spacek. No: (0). Motion carried.
5. 2021 Construction Projects Update: Reviewed status of projects.
6. Bridge and Culvert Aid Projects Update: Reviewed status of projects.
7. Five Year Capital Improvement/Road Maintenance Plan: Reviewed. 2022 would require increase of \$500,000 in borrowing. Motion Barkstrom/Hallstrand to approve up to \$2,000,000 in borrowing for 2022. Motion carried.
8. 2022 Highway Department Equipment and Facilities Plan: Reviewed.
9. Resolution - Price County Highway Department 2023-2027 Equipment Improvement Program and 2023-2025 Facilities Improvement Program: Motion Spacek/Hintz to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board with recommendation for adoption. Motion carried.
10. Draft 2022 Budget: Reviewed preliminary data.
11. Weimers Dam – Project Update: In progress and on schedule. Finishing on the downstream projects. Needing approval on gate installation.
12. County Highway E Project Consultant – Request for Proposal – Vetting and Award Update: Five consultants responded to RFP. Bid will go to Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. (SHE) for \$65,343 plus \$115 for construction oversight.
13. County Highway O Bridge Replacement Consultant – Request for Proposal – Vetting and Award Update: Bid will go to Ayres Associates for \$44,900 plus \$7,000 for other services.
14. Airport – Mike Brill
  - a. Hangar Use: A complaint was received that hangars are being used for unapproved activities. Of the 20 hangars, five are out of compliance, with two to a more serious degree. Will develop inspection schedule and protocol.
  - b. New Hangar Types: Hangar owner inquired about building types allowed. There are currently no county regulations on building types.
  - c. Tree Clearing Project: A drone survey will be done to determine the amount of clearing that will be required. Project to be BOA funded.
15. Wisconsin County Highway Association: October Commission training in Hayward. Department management road school in September.
16. Department Reports
  - a. Commissioner: Request for paving County Road RR which is not on schedule until 2024. Landowner right-of-way issued resolved. Highway Safety Improvement pilot program. County Highway W causeway pavement has been fixed.
  - b. Airport: Bidding deadline was August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Haas Construction was the winning bidder. Waiting to see if the contractor will honor their bid. Construction scheduled to start next spring. Hamburger social planned for Thursday.
  - c. Dams: Normal summer operation levels. Monitoring dam conditions.

- d. Highway Crew: Storm damage tree removal. Summer projects. Mowing, spray patching, shouldering, rut paving, chip sealing. Removed a boat that ran on shore under guardrail on County Highway W.
  - e. Fleet and Facilities: Keeping equipment functioning. Ordered new patrol and superintendent trucks. Purchased equipment trailer. Ordering plow truck (12-18 months). Auctioned off some old equipment. Equipment electronics training scheduled for mechanics.
17. Vouchers: Motion Spacek/Hallstrand to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$530,282.40. Motion carried.
18. Schedule next meeting: September 2.
19. Meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.
- Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk