

Price County Highway & Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: September 2, 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. Excused: Jordan Spacek.

Also present: Nick Trimner, Joe Baratka.

Nick reviewed process for those attending electronically.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communications: Complaints of ATV/UTV speeding on County Highway E. Would need a County ordinance in order to enforce a 35 mph speed limit.
 2. Minutes August 10, 2021 meetings: Motion Barkstrom/Hallstrand to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2021 meeting with corrections as noted. Motion carried.
 3. Draft 2022 Budget: No change from last meeting.
 4. Ordinance – ATV Route Request on State Highway – State Highway 70 Culvert Crossing: Barkstrom heard from two citizens against. Town of Fifield agreed to proceed with a town ordinance. DOT engineer indicated the crossing, as presented, does not qualify under the state statute. Motion Barkstrom/Hallstrand to rescind the August 10, 2021 motion “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”. Motion to rescind carried.
 5. Weimers Dam – Project Update: Gates still in building phase. Engineer indicating project will remain on schedule.
 6. Village of Prentice Truck Route: The Village is interested in limiting truck traffic through the village. They can indicate where a truck route would go. Sheriff cannot enforce a village ordinance but could enforce not following legal signage. Signs would be posted on State and County roads.
 7. Plow Truck RFP Vetting and Award Update: Low bids were Truck Country for the chassis \$122,250 and Monroe Truck for the equipment \$143,309. Anticipating deliver fall 2022.
 8. Wisconsin County Highway Association: Commissioner training and Foreman Road School being attended. October 29th Legislative Breakfast Exchange.
 9. Department Reports
 - a. Commissioner: Developing road safety plan. Brings in various stakeholders. Funded through Federal Highway Administration. Resignation of a Highway Operator. Recruiting for two open positions.
 - b. Airport: BOA did drone flying for planning tree trimming/clearing work. \$2.45 million airport improvement project was approved on the federal level. Going to state for approval with construction planned for spring 2022.
 - c. Dams: Repairs, monitoring water levels and equipment condition. Winter drawdown anticipated late October.
 - d. Highway Crew: Finishing summer projects. Shouldering, chip sealing, mowing, rut paving, spray patching, crack filling, culvert work.
 - e. Fleet and Facilities: Working on converting trucks to winter maintenance. Wastewater treatment plant maintenance and permitting.
 10. Vouchers: Motion Barkstrom/Hallstrand to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$1,815,440.75. Motion carried.
 11. Schedule next meeting: TBD
 12. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.
- Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk