

Price County Highway & Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: October 6, 2020

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: Jeff Hallstrand, James Hintz, Larry Palecek, Jordan Spacek, Bob Kopisch (ex officio). Also present: Nick Trimner, Joe Baratka, Sarah Soul.

Nick reviewed process for electronic meeting attendance and participation.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment: None.
2. Minutes September 1, 2020 meeting: Motion Hintz/Hallstrand to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. Requests for Proposals – 2020/2021 Road Sand: Received only two bidders Northern Lake and Todd's Redi Mix. Will be awarded after review by the Highway Commissioner.
4. County Highway W Project Update: The meeting with the contractors on September 17th was cancelled and postponed for later due to COVID. There is still a paving issue.
5. MOU for YY Bridge with Lincoln County: Joe and Lincoln County Commissioner John reviewed and signed September 16th. Both counties will contribute 50% for the project. Price County's share 50% up to \$125,000.
6. Approve Price County 2021 construction projects with short-term debt to the extent of \$1,500,000 Discussion of construction projects planned for 2021. Motion Hintz/Spacek to approve the projects as presented and forward funding request for action by the Executive Committee. Motion carried.
7. Resolution: Release of Gravel and Marl Rights (Michael & Mary Higgins): Discussion of location and probability of viable gravel on site. Motion Spacek/Hallstrand to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board with recommendation for adoption. Motion carried.
8. Municipal Dams Grant – Weimers Dam Gate Project Update: Ongoing project currently waiting for the design documents.
9. Request to Transfer Expiring 2016 Airport Entitlement funds to Kenosha Airport: BOA through FAA has requested to use funds. Price County is unable to use funds on engineer for current project. This will have no effect on funding for Price County's ongoing project. Price County will transfer the remaining \$133,545.73 funds. Motion Kopisch/Hallstrand to request the BOA transfer Price County's expiring 2016 Airport Entitlement funds to the Kenosha County Airport. Motion carried.
10. Airport Improvement Project Update: 90% engineering is complete as of meeting with Becher Hoppe on September 21st. Planned for 2021 construction if FAA approved, otherwise will be 2022 construction.
11. Wisconsin County Highway Association: Joe accepted filling the vacant position of North Central Representative on the WCHA.
12. Department Reports:
 - a. Airport: Ongoing improvement project planning. Traffic from jets and turbo props lead to increased jet fuel sales.
 - b. Dam: Normal level at all lakes with stable water conditions. Numbering and monitoring gates on dams.
 - c. Highway Crew: Culvert replacements, ditching, shoulder turning, brush mowing, crack filling. Joe Schorn was promoted to foreman position. Staffing crews has been an issue with several workers out. Sweeper involved in a rear-end accident. State brine system upgraded.
 - d. Fleet and Facilities: Awaiting insurance information on damaged broom. Ready for winter maintenance. LED lighting installed in Phillips tin shed. Shingles replaced on salt shed.
 - e. Update on COVID planning for the winter season. Following County policies. Assigned spots to get their job duties for the day. Groups consist of two workers. Possible splitting crew Monday - Thursday and Tuesday - Friday shifts. Will be implementing a night person.
13. Vouchers: Motion Hallstrand/Spacek to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$363,562.17. Motion carried.
14. Schedule next meeting: January 2021 – TBD.
15. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk (via Sarah Soul attending meeting)