

## Price County Highway & Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: November 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, Larry Palecek, Jordan Spacek. Absent: Jim Hintz. Also present: Nick Trimner, Joe Baratka, Mike Brill, Bob Kopisch

Nick reviewed process for those attending electronically.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communications: None.
2. Minutes September 2, 2021 meeting: Motion Barkstrom/Hallstrand to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2021 as presented. Motion carried.
3. 2021-2022 Construction Projects Update: Reviewed status of 2021 projects and associated costs.
4. 2022 State Routine Maintenance Agreement: Reviewed the agreement with the WDOT to maintain the state highways within the County, how the process works and the benefits to the County.
5. Local Road Improvement Project
  - a. County Highway Improvement (CHI) Supplemental Funds for 2022-2023: \$216,523 additional funding anticipated. There is expected increased asphalt costs that will use up some of this.
6. County Highway E Project
  - a. Public Information Meeting update: Meeting was held October 27th. Five public attendees.
  - b. Project Update: Repaving with paved shoulder from State Highway 13 to County Highway B. Curb and gutter in a portion of the road within the City of Park Falls and if needed in other areas. 2023 project. Discussion on clarification of the County's 12' requirement.
7. County Highway D Project
  - a. Project Update: Dan Gustafson from Cooper Engineering available for questions. Discussion of curb and gutter to church parking lot driveway and drainage issues property owners have had. Project ready to let out to bid. 2022 project.
  - b. December Bid Opening Date: December 16.
8. Weimers Dam Project
  - a. Project Update: New gate project progressing with November 18<sup>th</sup> completion deadline. 4.5' drawdown will be over winter – with recommendation from the WDNR. Since water level is down, will also include a culvert lining project.
  - b. New Dams Superintendent: David Kempen hired as new superintendent.
9. Airport – Mike Brill
  - a. 2017 Airport Improvement Project (AIP) Funds Transfer: \$90,000 2017 entitlement money was lost due to FAA not meeting their deadline. BOA was able to replenish with CARES Act money, plus add funds to the project. Motion Hallstrand/Spacek to approve the release of \$90,000 of Price County's 2017 FAA Entitlement funds to transfer by the FAA. Motion carried.
  - b. AIP Update: Haas and Sons awarded the bid, but has the option of pulling their bid since the funding was not received in time.
  - c. Tree Clearing Project Update: BOA plan finalized, and bidding let out. Project will be to maintain the aviation easement requirements. A five-year plan is being developed to keep on top of this ongoing maintenance.
10. Wisconsin County Highway Association: Winter Road School January 17-19. Motion Spacek/Barkstrom to authorize up to four committee members to attend the conference. Motion carried. Fall commissioners meeting and legislative meeting held.
11. Department Reports
  - a. Commissioner: Local Road Improvement and Supplemental Funding explained. Finished various funding applications. Preparing 2022 bid packages. County O drainage issue
  - b. Airport: FAA is considering not funding cross-wind runways. Traffic has been picking up. Interviews scheduled for the Airport Technician position.
  - c. Dams: Nothing more.
  - d. Highway Crew: Ditching, brushing, new signs, shoulder grading, have salt/sand mix ready, brine making. Prepping for winter. Getting to full work force.
  - e. Fleet and Facilities: Completed project for the drainage and maintenance to the rear storage building. Ready for winter maintenance. Reviewing status of summer equipment. Ordering new patch trailer and 2022 road truck.
12. Vouchers: Motion Hallstrand/Spacek to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$790,195.57. Motion carried.
13. Schedule next meeting: December 16<sup>th</sup>.
14. Meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk