

## Price County Highway & Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: November 7, 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 Erickson received complaints about County Highway D. Chair Barkstrom received complaint from a citizen regarding culvert damage at the State Highway 8 project. Culvert was faulty before the project and neither the County nor contractor are responsible.
2. Minutes from the September 11, 2023 meetings: Motion Erickson/Kyle to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. Construction Projects
  - a. Review of 2023: County Highway B is finished. County Highway E required some additional work.
  - b. Planning for 2024: Prepping County Highway W for 2024 project. Reworked the 2024 work plan to include repairs to County Highway D.
4. County Road B Reconfiguration: The Ashland County portion of County Road B has been turned over to Chippewa Township.
  - a. County Road B (north) to Town of Lake: Motion Spacek/Ernst to have discussion with Town of Lake regarding transfer County Road B (north) to the Town of Lake. Motion carried.
  - b. Tower Road to Price County – to extend County Road B: Not a viable option.
5. 2024 Draft Budget: County 2024 budget to County Board on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Increases due to three truck purchase and additional projects. Structure to cover salt/sand that is currently in the open.
6. Request Additional Funding for 2024 Construction Projects: Updated the 2024 plan to include repairs to County Highway D. Motion Ernst/Erickson to approve the change in the 2024 Capital Improvement Plan and forward to the Executive Committee with request of an additional \$1.1 million in borrowing. Motion carried.
7. 2025 Truck Purchases: Trucks need to be ordered now to have them available for the 2025 plowing season. Motion Erickson/Spacek to purchase a second plow truck using the 2024 bids to be receive in 2025. Motion carried.
8. Department Reports
  - a. Commissioner: Working on grants for future projects.
  - b. Airport: Working on maintenance around the fencing. Prepping for winter.
  - c. Dams: Winter drawdown. Jobs Dam inspection results pending.
  - d. Highway Crew: Shoulder work, tree trimming, culvert replacement, assisted DNR, ditching, right-of-way clearing, mowing, spray patch, salt/sand mix, bridge sealants, anti-iced per state requirements for first snowstorm.
  - e. Fleet and Facilities: Two 2024 truck purchases were let out. Blade order placed. Ordered new overhead doors for the shop. Trucks set for winter maintenance.
9. Vouchers: Motion Kyle/Spacek to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$2,389,961.84. Motion carried.
10. Schedule next meeting: TBD
11. Meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted; Jean Gottwald, County Clerk