

Price County Highway & Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: January 13, 2022

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. Excused: Jim Hintz.

Also present: Nick Trimner, Joe Baratka, Bob Kopisch (Ex Officio)

Nick reviewed process for those attending electronically.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communications: None.
 2. Minutes December 16, 2021 meeting: Motion Barkstrom/Hallstrand to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
 3. County Highway D Project – Dan Gustafson from Cooper Engineering present.
 - a. Review Vetted Bids: Dan reviewed the bids.
 - b. Contract Award: Low bid James Peterson & Sons at \$162,714.10. Motion Kopisch/Hallstrand to award the bid to James Peterson & Sons. Motion carried.
 4. Fee Schedule Implementation: Reviewed fee schedule implemented January 1, 2022. Motion Barkstrom/Kopisch to approve the schedule as presented. Roll call vote: Yes (5): Hallstrand, Hintz, Kopisch, Palecek, Spacek. No: (0). Motion carried.
 5. Wisconsin County Highway Association
 - a. Winter Road School Agenda: Event still on. Larry and Al are attending. Discussed meetings and sessions.
 6. Department Reports
 - a. Commissioner: Finished grant applications for municipal LRIP projects and County Highways I and S projects. Working on RFPs for construction materials. Work on Highway Safety Plan. Will wait on chip seal projects depending on asphalt pricing. Two Highway Operator resignations. Interviewed for two operators and a mechanic. Handling complaints of high snowbanks in Park Falls.
 - b. Airport: Winter maintenance going well. Traffic has been light. Tree removal project scheduled to start in February. Airport Improvement Project scheduled to move forward this year. Hangar inspections will be done this summer.
 - c. Dams: Normal winter drawdown. Fielding several complaints regarding water levels and dam access. Monitoring infrastructure conditions. Winter maintenance.
 - d. Highway Crew: Busy with winter maintenance. Brine production reducing use of rock salt. Cutting down snowbanks. Snow removal from bridges and guardrails. Cleaning up storm damage trees. Repairing damaged signs.
 - e. Fleet and Facilities: Awards for patch trailer, 1.5 ton truck, F250 Crew truck, straw chipper, self-propelled router. Build and/or delivery dates may be unknown. Plow blade received and tandem axle truck awarded to Truck Country. Offer to mechanic.
 7. Vouchers: Motion Spacek/Hallstrand to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$848,770.46. Motion carried.
 8. Schedule next meeting: March 8.
 9. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.
- Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk