

Price County Highway & Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: March 8, 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: Highway 182 Bridge plowing discussed. Thanked highway crew for weekend work.
2. Minutes January 13, 2022, meeting: Motion Spacek/Hallstrand to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. Open Asphalt Bids for 2022
 - a. 2022 County Highway F CHID Project #16940
 - b. 2022 Hot Mix Asphalt ProgramBids received from American Asphalt of Wisconsin. Will be reviewed.
4. Review Equipment Bids
 - a. Loader: Ten bids received. Motion Spacek/Barkstrom to approve the purchase of a CAT 950GC from Fabick in the amount of \$265,123. Motion carried.
 - b. Plow Truck: Four bids received. Motion Spacek/Kopisch to approve the purchase of Western Star from Universal and I-State with a price of \$322,225. Motion carried.
5. Request to Revise 2022 Equipment plan: Equipment use needs to be under \$5,000.
 - a. Add Straw Blower to Plan: This would be an Equipment Fund item at \$6,250. Executive Committee will look at changing the resolution.
6. County Highway D Project
 - a. City of Phillips Decision on Curb and Gutter: \$26,000 worth of curb and gutter. Phillips City Council is not supporting. State Statute does not require this to be paid for by the City, since it's not a named City street. Motion Kopisch/Hallstrand to proceed with curb and gutter for the Highway D Project for an additional \$13,000 as designed. Motion carried.
7. Adopt 2022 Revision of the Wisconsin County Highway Association Utility Accommodation Policy: Reviewed. Motion Barkstrom/Kopisch to adopt the Revised 2022 Utility Accommodations Policy. Motion carried.
8. Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)
 - a. Requirements and Time: All projects have been designed and stamped by engineer.
 - b. Possible Projects: County Highway F will be looked at for funding. Discussed 2023 – 2026 projects, due May 1st.
 - c. 20% Funding Options: None.
9. Wisconsin County Highway Association
 - a. Work Zone Safety week April 11-15, 2022: Played WCHA video. Requested to put on agenda for the April Count Board meeting.
10. Department Reports
 - a. Commissioner: Working on BIL funding and projects. Public information meeting for County Highway D Project on March 16th. Ice storm resulted in two accidents involving Highway trucks.
 - b. Airport: Normal winter operations. Construction project planned to start second week in May.
 - c. Dams: Access to Jobs Dam may be an issue. Need to understand legal easement. Delay in electric work on Weimers Dam project. Monitoring levels and conditions.
 - d. Highway Crew: Standard winter maintenance. Brushing, guard rail and sign repair, brine production, dead tree removal, chainsaw safety training, pothole patching.
 - e. Fleet and Facilities: Patch trailer received. Medford Motors awarded bid for 1½ ton truck and F250 crew truck and Truck Country the tandem axle truck chassis. Crash attenuator ordered. Crew has been helping with shop duties. Still short two mechanics.
11. Vouchers: Motion Spacek/Barkstrom to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$2,256,154.19. Motion carried.
12. Schedule next meeting: April 21, 2022
13. Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Submitted by Jean Gottwald, County Clerk (with notes by Nick Trimner, County Administrator)