

Price County Highway & Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: August 15, 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: Doug Erickson, Brian Ernst, Mark Kyle, Larry Palecek, Jordan Spacek. Also present: Nick Trimner, Joe Baratka, Roger Petrick, Mike Brill, Alan Barkstrom, Paula Houdek (remotely)

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communications: Roger Petrick, Highway Commissioner candidate will be at the County Board meeting on August 16th for appointment. Received a thank you from citizen from the Timm Road project in Town of Lake.
2. Minutes June 3, 2022, meeting: Motion Kyle/Erickson to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. Bridge and Culvert Aid
 - a. Resolution – Town of Fifield Bridge and Culvert Aid Request: Motion Spacek/Erickson to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
 - b. Resolution – Town of Ogema Bridge and Culvert Aid Request: Motion Spacek/Erickson to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
 - c. Amend – Resolution 9-14 Non-lapsing Committed Highway Equipment Fund Policy: Motion Spacek/Kyle to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
4. Five-year Capital Improvement/Road Maintenance Plan: Reviewed progress of the plan and how it's working.
5. Five-year Highway Department Equipment and Three-year Facilities Plan: Reviewed the equipment plan and condition of the existing equipment. Reviewed the facilities plan and progress. Some projects got postponed because the department being short-staffed.
6. Resolution - Price County Highway Department 2024-2028 Equipment Improvement Program and 2024-2026 Facilities Improvement Program: Motion Kyle/Spacek to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
7. 2023 Budget Draft: Presented preliminary draft.
8. 2022 Construction projects update: Reviewed progress of projects completed, in progress or in future - both department and contracted. Some contractors are being pulled to more valued jobs.
9. Ziss Property Easement: Town of Prentice, Old 8 Road. Property owner has requested release of the easement. The County has not used it and no longer owns the property involved. Motion Erickson/Spacek to approve the removal of the easement as requested. Motion carried.
10. County Highway YY Bridge – Project with Lincoln County
 - a. Update: Guardrail bridge issue.
 - b. Dedicate to Ron Heikkinen: Ron Heikkinen was a past supervisor who was a supporter of this project. Motion Erickson/Spacek to support the dedication to Ron Heikkinen and draft a resolution for the approval by the County Board at the September meeting. Motion carried.
11. Weimers Dam - Project Update: Project completed August 1st. DNR is requesting additional information from the engineer for approval of funding.
12. Airport – Michael Brill
 - a. Update on Airport Improvement Project: Report on North Airport Road and Runway 1/19 projects. Projects almost complete except for fencing and beacon pole.
 - b. Airport Capital Improvement Plan: Reviewed six-year plan, which needs to be submitted for potential BOA/FAA funding.
 - i. Resolution – Price County Airport Six-year Plan: Public hearing needs to be held. Resolution will be presented at future meeting.
 - c. Tree Clearing Project: Met with engineers. Planning for this winter.
 - d. Hangar Use: Issue with hangar owners using their buildings for non-aviation use. FAA has regulated use of hangars. Committee will need to develop a hangar use policy and determine if other usage will be allowed. Mike will get more information for drafting a policy.

13. Wisconsin County Highway Association: Association administration is being restructured. Joe Baratka will be resigning his position on the board of directors.
 14. Highway Commissioner Candidate: Roger Petrick will start August 16th after County Board approval. Transition will move forward. Joe's last day in the office will be September 1st.
 15. Department Reports
 - a. Commissioner: Construction, equipment and facilities planning. Joe will be working with Roger for a smooth transition.
 - b. Airport: August 18th Hamburger Social.
 - c. Dams: Low water levels due to dry weather. Some hazards are showing up. Winter draw down third week in September.
 - d. Highway Crew: Mowing, rut paving, ditching, culverts along with road projects.
 - e. Fleet and Facilities: Update on equipment orders and purchases. Waiting on several items and parts.
 16. Vouchers: Motion Kyle/Ernst to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$788,164.56. Motion carried.
 17. Schedule next meeting: September 7.
 18. Meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.
- Respectfully submitted by Jean Gottwald, County Clerk