

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

DATE OF MEETING: Wednesday, August 8, 2012

COMMITTEE: Highway

CHAIRMAN: Jeffrey Zalewski

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeffrey Zalewski, Arlene Bonacci, Richard Hurlbert, Rick Bina and William Bostwick.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Rusch, Patrol Superintendent Washatko, Office Manager Wells, Dave Solin, Bill Majest, Steve Jackson, Russ Cook, Sr, Jeremy Fischer and Madison Fischer.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Zalewski at 7:30 a.m.

APPROVE AGENDA/MINUTES:

Chairman Zalewski asked for additions to the agenda. There were none. Motion by Bonacci, second by Bostwick, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried, all ayes. Motion by Bonacci, second by Bina, to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2012 and August 2, 2012 meetings. Motion carried, all ayes.

REVIEW DISBURSEMENTS:

Motion by Bonacci, second by Hurlbert, to approve the July, 2012 voucher disbursements and the March 1, 2012 through July 31, 2012 procurement card disbursements that were inadvertently not included with the prior disbursement reports due to a change in the account number used; and sign the history reports. Motion carried, all ayes.

ANNUAL ATV ROUTE REVIEWS:

The Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner reviewed all the approved ATV routes and reported the following: the CTH "T"/"B" route is good. The CTH "H" route from Lloyd Creek Road to CTH "C" (closed during the annual Fuddfest event) is good. The CTH "P" route from STH "64" to Wilson School Road is good. The CTH "T" route in Pearson from Pickerel Creek Road to the Mike Mischler logging road is good.

On the CTH "H" route in the Parrish area from River Road to 100' north of Pine Lane, the ATV's are actually running a route that goes beyond the approved scope of the route by about 1,000'. There are no real problems; just a little gravel is required. The Commissioner will work with Russ Cook, Sr. of the Parrish Highlanders ATV Club to correct the necessary paperwork to reflect the actual scope of the route being used.

On CTH "Z", there is no approved route; ATV's are running on the snowmobile trails (and following the snowmobile trail signs that are not always removed in the off season). In two areas, the trail dips into the ditch (on the right of way) and crosses the road. A route should be established; Russ Cook, Sr. of the Parrish Highlanders ATV Club will submit an application for this route.

The CTH "K" route by Post Lake is basically good, except for the short stretch by Clear Lake Road to Post Lake Drive. The ATV's are not staying on the blacktop portion of the road as required for a route; instead, they are using the ditch (right of way) on the snowmobile trail. The way the ATV's are running is probably a safer scenario than following the route rules and remaining on the blacktop in this area. The Highway Commissioner and Forestry Director will work together to investigate options to meet the DNR rules and still provide safe travel for ATV's. The Commissioner will keep the Highway Committee updated in regard to this issue as it progresses.

REQUEST FROM PARRISH HIGHLANDERS ATV CLUB TO ESTABLISH A NEW ATV ROUTE ON CTH "H", FROM FIVE CENT ROAD SOUTH 2.1 MILES TO R AND H ROAD:

The Parrish Highlanders ATV Club was approached by businesses in this area to sponsor this route request. The Forestry Committee has reviewed this route and it does meet the criteria stated in the ATV Route Ordinance and related policy. There are good sight distances in this area and no known safety issues. The route was reviewed on the map with the Committee. Motion by Hurlbert, second by Bina, to approve the requested ATV route on CTH "H", from Five Cent Road south 2.1 miles to R and H Road. Motion carried, all ayes.

DISCUSS MACHINERY, SHOP AND REPAIRS:

There are no major repairs at this time. The radiator on mowing tractor #202 was repaired, as were the fuel injectors on truck #166. The water pump on the rubber tire roller needs replacement. The new fence has been installed and is operational.

DISCUSS HIGHWAY OPERATIONS:

A fill/gravel haul on Range Line Road for the Towns of Peck and Vilas has been completed. Paving is completed for the Towns of Antigo, Rolling and Polar. We still have a gravel haul/paving project to complete for the Town of Ackley on Western Ave. and a gravel haul to complete for the Forestry Department on the Wolf River State Trail System. We are mowing on the new STH "64" alternate route today. The bridges are being reconstructed on CTH "C"; the road is closed. Approximately 5 miles of County paving is completed; we hope to be able to do around 10 more miles with the budgeted and excess winter funds. Pavement marking continues on the State contract, we also completed pavement marking for Iron County. The CTH "B" and "C" intersection was discussed; vehicles continue to run the stop signs on CTH "C". This will be discussed at the next Traffic Safety Committee meeting.

The July, 2012 budget report was distributed and discussed.

REVIEW/APPROVE QUOTATIONS FOR ANNUAL EQUIPMENT BLADE REQUIREMENTS:

QTY	SIZE	MID STATES	VALK MFR	FABCO EQUIP	BRAUER SUPPLY	WAUSAU STEEL
155	5/8" - 7/8" X 8" X 5' (red)	\$ 16,256.40	NO QUOTE	NO QUOTE	NO QUOTE	NO QUOTE
160	5/8" - 7/8" X 8" X 6' (red)	\$ 20,139.20	NO QUOTE	NO QUOTE	NO QUOTE	NO QUOTE
20	5/8" X 7/8" X 8" x 7' (red)	\$ 2,936.20	NO QUOTE	NO QUOTE	NO QUOTE	NO QUOTE
50	5/8" X 8" X 7' (yellow)	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,790.00	\$ 4,380.50	\$ 3,401.00	\$ 4,697.00
85	5/8" X 8" X 8' (wing)	\$ 8,367.40	\$ 7,051.60	NO QUOTE	NO \$ 8,407.35	NO \$ 8,390.35
145	5/8" X 8" X 12' (plow)	\$ 21,407.80	\$ 18,043.80	NO QUOTE	NO \$21,513.65	NO \$21,054.00
TOTAL						

RECOMMENDATION:

MID STATES	CURVED BLADES	\$ 42,731.80
VALK MFR	FLAT BLADES (WING,PLOW)	\$ 25,095.40
	TOTAL	\$ 67,827.20

Motion by Bina, second by Hurlbert, to purchase the curved blades from Mid States Blade & Chain for the low quoted price and the flat blades from Valk Mfr. for the low quoted price, for a total of cost for the annual requirement of \$67,827.20. Motion carried, all ayes.

PATROL SUPERINTENDENT'S REQUEST TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL WCHFSA CONFERENCE, SEPTEMBER 19-21, 2012:

After reviewing the agenda for the conference, the Patrol Superintendant withdrew his request.

REVIEW/APPROVE 2013 BUDGET AND 2014 PRELIMINARY BUDGET:

The Commissioner and the Office Manager reviewed the 2013 budget. There is a zero % increase from 2012. Motion by Bonacci, second by Bina, to approve the 2013 budget as presented and forward it to the Finance Department. Motion carried, all ayes.

The Commissioner and the Office Manager reviewed the 2014 preliminary budget. There is a zero % increase from 2013. Motion by Bostwick, second by Hurlbert, to approve the 2014 preliminary budget as presented and forward it to the Finance Department. Motion carried, all ayes.

DISCUSS FRAC SAND MINING RESOLUTION ASSIGNED TO HIGHWAY COMMITTEE:

Fractured sand mining has become a "boom" business in some areas of Wisconsin, and while good for the economy, the resulting increased trucking has wrecked havoc with County roads in some areas of the State where this sand is abundant. Some Counties were not prepared for this and their roads have suffered substantial damage. Some Counties have taken steps to establish contracts with the companies mining the fractured sand, guaranteeing money for road maintenance and/or improvements. Counties have been involved in passing resolutions related to the funding of road repairs related to fractured sand mining; however, some of those resolutions suggest diverting State money used for "normal" maintenance for this purpose. The sand in Langlade County is not of the type desired by the fractured sand mining industry, but Langlade County wishes to support this activity if no State funding is diverted. The Commissioner will work on redrafting a resolution that reflects this and will bring it to the next regular Highway Committee meeting for review and possible County Board action at a future meeting.

CONSIDER MOVING INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WIS. STATS. SEC. 19.85 (1)(C) TO CONSIDER THE EMPLOYMENT, PROMOTION, COMPENSATION OR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION DATA OF ANY PUBLIC EMPLOYEE OVER WHICH THE GOVERNMENT BODY HAS JURISDICTION OR EXERCISES RESPONSIBILITY, TO DISCUSS STAFFING AND SHOP SUPERINTENDENT HIRING PROCESS:

Motion by Bonacci, second by Hurlbert, to move into closed session at 8:52 a.m. By individual vote of the Committee, all ayes.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION:

Motion by Hurlbert, second by Bostwick, to move out of closed session at 9:10 a.m. Motion carried, all ayes.

Motion by Bonacci, second by Bostwick, to send letters to each applicant for the Shop Superintendant position who was not selected for an interview, thanking them for applying and notifying them they were not selected for an interview. Motion carried, all ayes.

Motion by Bonacci, second by Bostwick, to initiate the employee hiring procedure including Personnel and Executive Committee and County Board approval for one Mechanic position and one Common Laborer position, in anticipation of two retirements in the Highway Department by year-end. Motion carried, all ayes.

The next regular meeting of the Highway Committee will be September 12, 2012 at 7:30 a.m.

ADJOURN MEETING:

Motion by Bina, second by Bonacci, to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 a.m. Motion carried, all ayes.

Richard H. Hurlbert, Secretary