

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

DATE OF MEETING: Wednesday, December 12, 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, Mike Exferd (Mead and Hunt), and Jim Mattek (JW Mattek & Sons).

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE AGENDA/MINUTES:

Chairman Zalewski asked for additions to the agenda. There were none. Motion by Bina, second by Hurlbert, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried. Motion by Hurlbert, second by Bina, to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2012 meeting. Motion carried.

Mike Exferd thanked the Highway Committee for selecting Mead and Hunt to perform the design engineering for the bridge replacement project on CTH "Y".

J. W. MATTEK & SONS, INC. ANNUAL REQUEST FOR 2013 OVERWEIGHT SEED POTATO PERMIT:

This is an annual request. Motion by Hurlbert, second by Bonacci, to approve the 2013 Overweight Seed Potato Permit for J. W. Mattek and Sons, Inc., and send the required letter to the DOT. Motion carried.

REVIEW DISBURSEMENTS:

The committee reviewed the November, 2012 voucher/procurement card disbursements, and signed the history report.

DISCUSS MACHINERY, SHOP AND REPAIRS:

Our maintenance activities for the past month were mostly routine work. One larger project involved replacing some rusted-out cross beams and decking on the back work platform of the bucket truck (#168). Another project on the paint truck (#480) involves removing the paint tank and replacing it with recyclable totes which will be quicker and easier for painting production and cleaning. We are evaluating dump truck #162 which needs transmission and box repairs- we need to decide how much repair work to do versus a potential trade-in. Seasonal maintenance is being done on the crushing equipment and the hot mix plant.

DISCUSS HIGHWAY OPERATIONS:

Crack sealing is completed for the year on county roads, just less than 28 miles was done. Limbing and tree removal is being performed on STH 52. Brushing on County roads is being done, and we completed a brushing job for the Town of Ackley. Normal winter road maintenance, plowing, and sanding is being done as needed.

The November budget report was distributed.

DISCUSS CONCERNS WITH CTH B / CTH C INTERSECTION:

There have been at least three serious accidents at this intersection in the past year-and-a-half, and citizens have reported additional near-misses. Commissioner Rusch informed the Committee these concerns were discussed at a Traffic Safety Committee meeting. The DOT will be performing a study of the intersection conditions, geometry, and traffic volumes, and will make recommendations as to suggested improvements. In the near term, DOT recommends installing oversize double stop and stop-ahead signs at the intersection. Motion by Bostwick, second by Bina, to approve installing oversize double stop and stop-ahead signs until the DOT study is complete and permanent improvements implemented. Motion carried.

DISCUSS RESOLUTION FROM WCHA, IN SUPPORT OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PROTECT THE TRANSPORTATION FUND:

The Transportation Fund, generated from gas taxes and vehicle registration fees, provides the main source of highway funding in the state. In the past the State has raided this fund and used it for other budget purposes. A Constitutional Amendment protecting the fund from being used for other purposes has been proposed. An advisory referendum in 2010 received 70% support in Langlade County and around the state. The State Legislature overwhelmingly passed the first consideration of the constitutional amendment in 2012. The amendment will receive second consideration by the Legislature in 2013, and if it passes, could be placed on the state-wide ballot in 2014. The Committee discussed a proposed resolution in support of the Constitutional Amendment. Motion by Bina, second by Hurlbert, to approve the resolution in support of the constitutional amendment to protect the transportation fund, sign the resolution and forward it to County Board for approval. Motion carried.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER ATTENDING RIGHT-OF-WAY TRAINING AT WSLs ON JANUARY 25:

Motion by Bonacci, second by Bina, to approve Commissioner Rusch attending right-of-way training at the Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors (WSLS) annual conference on January 25, 2013. Motion carried.

ADJOURN MEETING:

Motion by Bina, second by Hurlbert, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 a.m. Motion carried.

Richard H. Hurlbert, Secretary