

## HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

DATE OF MEETING: Wednesday, March 13, 2013

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 and Office Manager Wells.

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 Bonacci, second by Bostwick, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried. Motion by Hurlbert, second by Bonacci, to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2013 meeting. Motion carried.

### **REVIEW DISBURSEMENTS:**

The Committee reviewed the February, 2013 voucher/procurement cards disbursements.

### **DISCUSS MACHINERY, SHOP AND REPAIRS:**

Most of our repair and maintenance activities for the past month have been routine. Seasonal maintenance on the crusher equipment is completed.

We have been experiencing problems with our two newest plow trucks, #8 and #9. International uses a regeneration system for meeting exhaust emissions, and we have had numerous problems, as have other counties. The local dealer is trying hard to improve the situation, but the problems seem to stem from a basic poor design. The problems have resulted in numerous trips to the dealer (still covered by warranty) and numerous incidents of downtime, which is very critical because these trucks are assigned to State Highway beats. The problems have not been resolved, and International plans to use the same engine/regeneration system for at least one more year. The Commissioner wanted the Highway Committee to be aware of this problem before we consider truck bids for our new plow trucks.

### **DISCUSS HIGHWAY OPERATIONS:**

Plowing and sanding are being done as necessary. We are winging back banks, ditching, and cleaning bridges in anticipation of the spring thaw. Pothole patching and brushing are being performed as time and weather allow. We are low on salt/sand again and will be making more on March 14th. Commissioner Rusch reviewed the paving schedule for 2013 with the Committee.

The February budget report was distributed.

**AT APPROXIMATELY 7:45 A.M., CONSIDER MOVING INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WIS. STATS. SEC. 19.85 (1)(E), TO DELIBERATE OR NEGOTIATE THE PURCHASE OF PUBLIC PROPERTIES, THE INVESTING OF PUBLIC FUNDS, OR CONDUCTING OTHER SPECIFIED PUBLIC BUSINESS, WHENEVER COMPETITIVE OR BARGAINING REASONS REQUIRE A CLOSED SESSION; TO DISCUSS THE WHITE LAKE GARAGE AND LAND:**

Motion by Hurlbert, second by Bonacci, to move into closed session at 8:17 a.m. By individual vote of the Committee; all ayes.

**AT APPROXIMATELY 8:15 A.M. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION:**

Motion by Bina, second by Hurlbert, to move out of closed session at 8:29 a.m. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR CTH B/C INTERSECTION:**

At the last Traffic Safety Committee meeting the DOT reported that they had completed their study on the CTH B/C intersection. The DOT performed traffic counts and reviewed the physical layout of the intersection. The DOT feels that westbound drivers on CTH "C" are being confused by the view and background as they travel west, and may not be "seeing" the stop sign at the intersection. The DOT recommends installing a flashing beacon on the stop sign on westbound CTH "C". The estimated cost is \$2,500- \$3,000. After discussion, Motion by Hurlbert, second by Bina, to proceed as recommended by DOT and install a flashing beacon at the intersection. 3 ayes, 2 nays, motion carried.

**UPDATE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT FOR TRANSPORTATION FUND:**

Commissioner Rusch informed the Highway Committee that the Constitutional Amendment to protect the transportation fund has been passed by the legislature for the second time, and will be on the ballot in the November, 2014 state-wide election.

**DISCUSS APRIL 19, 2013 WCHA NC REGION LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST:**

Commissioner Rusch informed the Highway Committee about the upcoming WCHA NC Region Legislative Breakfast April 19, 2013 in Wausau. This was for informational purposes so Committee members could plan accordingly. This will be put on the April meeting agenda, at which time we will need to finalize the attendance list.

**ADJOURN MEETING:**

Motion by Hurlbert, second by Bonacci, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Richard H. Hurlbert, Secretary