

## MINUTES

### HIGHWAY, INFRASTRUCTURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE

**DATE:** Thursday, August 1, 2024  
**TIME:** 9:00 AM  
**PLACE:** Highway Dept., Conference Room

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jake Hahn, Al Breu (WebEx), Scott Brehm, John Hokamp, Lee Thao

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Trent Miner, County Clerk, see attached sign-in sheet

1. Chairman Hahn called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and declared a quorum present.
2. There was no public comment.
3. Under correspondence Hawk stated some Village of Biron residents have expressed concern about the construction plan for CTH U, however he stated the project is staying within the current road right of way footprint.
4. The minutes of the July 1, 2024, meetings were reviewed. Motion by Breu/Hokamp to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Motion by Brehm/Hahn to open up the sections of CTH H & CTH T that transects through the Town of Marshfield to ATV/UTV traffic. Discussion ensued. Hawk reviewed with the committee how past practice has been that if the adjoining township does not have an ATV/UTV ordinance, the department has not opened up those sections of CTH system, i.e. CTH D in the Town of Cranmoor. The Town of Marshfield does not have an ATV/UTV ordinance. Motion by Brehm/Hahn to amend the existing motion to only include CTH T that transects through the Town of Marshfield. Motion carried 4-1. Voting no was Breu (concerned with the safety of allowing ATV/UTVs on county roads). The amended motion was called and passed 4-1. Voting no was Breu.
6. The Highway Dept. staff reports were highlighted and reviewed. Hawk highlighted the upcoming Highway Commissioners Legislative Breakfast coming up in September.
7. The Highway revenue report was reviewed.
8. Motion by Hokamp/Thao to approve the Highway Dept. vouchers. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Hawk stated the women's locker room bids are due August 12<sup>th</sup> and in order to get the project moving, he would like permission to accept the bids most advantageous to Wood County. Motion by Thao/Brehm to give authority to the Highway Commissioner to accept the bids for the women's locker room and award the contract to the contractor that is deemed to be most beneficial to Wood County. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Hawk discussed the current situation on CTH AA/Plank Hill. There is some resident concern about the proposal that was discussed at the meeting last month. He will be holding a public information meeting in Nekoosa later this month to gauge public opinion.
11. Hawk reported on a contact from WHEDA he received on a vacated parcel on the corner of CTH A and Richfield Drive. The owners have walked away from the property due to contamination of the parcel. An old gas station used to be housed on this parcel. WHEDA would like to donate this parcel to the county for highway purposes, but before it is accepted, Hawk would like a Certificate of Liability from the DNR outlining exactly what the county would be responsible for. Motion by Breu/Hokamp to authorize Hawk to pursue the Certificate of Liability from the DNR. Motion carried unanimously.
12. Hawk & Accounting Supervisor Peckham presented the draft 2025 Highway Dept. budget and highlighted a couple of areas of increased needs. Motion by Thao/Breu to approve the budget and forward onto the Operations Committee. Motion carried unanimously.
13. The Parks & Forestry staff reports were reviewed. The Parks Dept. was applauded for another successful State Water Ski Show weekend just held.
14. The bid results for the Powers Bluff maintenance shop were received and reviewed. There was question on where the actual funding will come from in light of other projects and ARPA funding. Motion by Brehm/Thao to accept the low bids as presented, pending the finalization of funding. Motion carried unanimously.
15. Schooley presented the draft 2025 Parks & Forestry budget and highlighted areas within the document. Motion by Hahn/Hokamp to approve the budget and forward onto the Operations Committee. Motion carried unanimously.
16. The annual HIRC tour was scheduled for Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> beginning with the committee meeting at 8:00 AM with the tour commencing thereafter.
17. There was an applicant to the vacant position on the State Wildlife Area Advisory Committee. The committee reviewed the application. Motion by Hokamp/Thao to recommend to the county board chair the application of Sophia Figueroa to fill the vacant term. Motion carried unanimously.
18. Parks & Forestry revenue reports were reviewed.
19. Motion by Thao/Brehm to approve the Parks & Forestry vouchers. Motion carried unanimously.
20. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 8:00 AM at the Highway Department Conference Room.

21. Chairman Hahn declared the meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Minutes taken by Trent Miner, County Clerk, and are in draft form until approved at the next meeting.

