

**MINUTES OF THE
HIGHWAY, INFRASTRUCTURE & RECREATION
COMMITTEE**

DAY & DATE: July 07, 2011
PLACE: Wood County Courthouse, 400 Market St., Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494, Room 115
MEETING TIME: 8:00 A.M.
ADJOURNMENT TIME: 10:42 A.M.
MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman, Thomas Haferman; Vice-Chairman, Trent Miner Secretary, Dennis Polach; and member Ross Miltimore
MEMBERS EXCUSED: Member, Marion Hokamp; Vice-Chairman, Trent Miner at 9:00 A.M.
OTHERS PRESENT: Office Manager, Heather Gehrt; Highway Commissioner Doug Passineau; Gene Kussart, Donohue Associates; Jon Schrader, Ho-Chunk Nation; Park Administrator, Chad Schooley; and Forest Administrator, Fritz Schubert

1. Chairman T. Haferman called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.
2. Public comments: There were none.
3. The minutes of the June 02, 2011 Highway Infrastructure & Recreation Committee meeting were reviewed.

A motion was made by T. Miner and seconded by D. Polach to approve the June 02, 2011 Highway Infrastructure & Recreation Committee minutes. Motion carried.

4. Gene Kussart of Donohue Associates attended this portion of the meeting to remind the Committee of the services they offer and to remember them when it comes time to do any projects in Wood County.
5. Jon Schrader from Ho-Chunk Nation attended this portion of the meeting to discuss the 3 Bureau of Indian Affairs funded projects in Wood County over the next 3 years.
6. Haul road permitting and procedure processes regarding the hauling of FRAC sand is currently being drafted with the assistance of Corporation Counsel.
7. Replace quadaxle plow truck for summer and winter use. The Committee gave the go ahead to let this vehicle out for quotes.
8. Fuel procedures and moving tanks were discussed.
9. One of the boilers in the Wisconsin Rapids shop is inoperable at this time. The costs to replace this system are not budgeted at this time. The Committee instructed the Commissioner to talk to Finance regarding this issue and funding.

10. A resolution with the Department of Transportation for a Quit Claim Deed was discussed.

A motion was made by T. Miner and seconded by R. Miltimore to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their approval. Motion carried.

11. The current projects update was reviewed. (see attached sheet)
12. The monthly bill list was reviewed.

A motion was made by R. Miltimore and seconded by D. Polach to approve the monthly bill list. Motion carried.

13. The Accounting Supervisor's report was reviewed.

A motion was made by D. Polach and seconded by R. Miltimore to approve the Accounting Supervisor's report. Motion carried.

14. Correspondence:

- The CEED Committee commented on the railroad crossing on Hwy 10/34 and how rough it was getting. After further discussion, it was determined that the crossing was in Portage County and the Commissioner will contact them.
- Article on available funding from the Federal Surface Transportation Program (SAFETEA-LU)
- Resolution from Outagamie County regarding the State budget.

15. Building & Grounds Supervisor's report was reviewed. (see attached sheet)

A motion was made by D. Polach and seconded by R. Miltimore to approve the Building & Grounds Supervisor's report. Motion carried.

16. Office Manager's report was reviewed. (see attached sheet)

A motion was made by R. Miltimore and seconded by D. Polach to accept the Office Manager's report. Motion carried.

17. Park Administrator's report was reviewed. (see attached sheet)

- a. Special Use Permits.
 - Aqua Skiers, Inc. State Water Ski Show Tournament at Red Sands Beach/Shelter Area July 21-24, 2011.

A motion was made by D. Polach and seconded by R. Miltimore to approve the above-mentioned special use permit. Motion carried.

A motion was made by R. Miltimore and seconded by D. Polach to approve the Park Administrator's report. Motion carried.

18. Forest Administrator's report was presented. (see attached sheet)
- a. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Habitat Project draft was discussed. This project would improve habitat for ruffed grouse, woodcock and other wildlife. The only cost to the County would be that the lands have to be retained for that purpose for 10 years. The Committee instructed F. Schubert to go ahead and sign the agreement.
 - b. DNR Forestry Strategic Direction was discussed. Under this plan funding for the county forest system will be reduced, and the funds will be redirected to other DNR Forestry programs. Starting in 2013 changes to the hours of technical assistance and other county forest assistance programs/grants will be implemented. Each County will have some increased flexibility to decide what level of assistance they receive from each category. Although increased flexibility may be viewed as advantageous, the overall decrease in assistance to Wood County will be about \$4935 (6.4%).

A motion was made by R. Miltimore and seconded by D. Polach to approve the Forest Administrator's report. Motion carried.

19. Old Business:

- CTH Z walk bridge is too narrow for Park uses at this time, so we are not interested.
- Powers Bluff trenching of underground power lines may begin as early as next week.
- Communications tower location at Dexter Park is flagged off, and if this area is agreeable with everyone will have to be withdrawn from County Forest Lands to proceed with the tower.

20. New Business:

- Review Park and Forestry 2012-2016 5 year Capital Improvement Plan.

A motion was made by D. Polach and seconded by R. Miltimore to approve the Park and Forestry 2012-2016 5 year Capital Improvement Plan and forward to the Finance Department. Motion carried.

21. Correspondence:

- Phone call from Central WI ATV Club regarding creating ATV Camping at North Wood County Park.
- E-mail regarding "Rock Your Park" sponsored by Wood County Health Department.

22. The monthly bill list was reviewed.

A motion was made by D. Polach and seconded by R. Miltimore to approve the monthly bill listing. Motion carried.

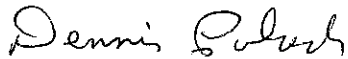
23. Revenue report was distributed.

A motion was made by R. Miltimore and seconded by D. Polach to accept the revenue report. Motion carried.

24. Next monthly meeting date is August 04, 2011 at the Wood County Courthouse and Park/Forest/Highway Area Tour will be August 11, 2011.

25. September meeting date will be discussed at the August 4, 2011 meeting along with setting a time for the August 11, 2011 meeting.

A motion was made by D. Polach and seconded by R. Miltimore to adjourn at 10:42 A.M. Motion carried.



Dennis Polach, Secretary

Minutes taken by Heather Gehrt, Park & Forestry Office Manager