

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

**DAY & DATE:** Thursday, November 2, 2017

**PLACE:** Wood County Highway Department, 555 17<sup>th</sup> Ave North,  
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495

**MEETING TIME:** 8:00 AM

**ADJOURNMENT TIME:** 11:15 AM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Al Breu, Supervisor Marion Hokamp, Supervisor David LaFontaine, Supervisor William Winch, Supervisor Joseph Zurfluh

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dennis Polach, Wood County Board Supervisor; Bill Clendenning, Wood County Board Supervisor; Chad Schooley, Parks & Forestry Director; Douglas Passineau, Highway Commissioner; Sandra Green, Parks & Forestry Office Supervisor;

1. Call the meeting to order. Meeting called to order at 8:00 am by Chairman Breu.
2. Public Comments. None.
3. Approve minutes of the October 5, 2017 Highway, Infrastructure and Recreation Committee meeting(s) as well as the HIRC portion of the Joint HIRC and Judicial & Legislative Committee minutes from October 17, 2017.

**Motion to approve both minutes by J. Zurfluh and second by M. Hokamp. Motion Carried.**

4. Parks Construction Supervisor Report.

**Motion to approve the Parks Construction Supervisor report by M. Hokamp, second by B. Winch. Motion carried.**

5. Office Supervisor Report.

**Motion to approve the Office Supervisor report by D. LaFontaine, second by M. Hokamp. Motion carried.**

6. Park and Forestry Director Report.

Dexter Shop Bid. One bid that came in from Roger Kress in Arpin for \$41,550. This bid meets our minimum bid and the required 10% cashier's check was included. Chad sent around a draft of the resolution that will need to go to County Board in order to approve it. Chad stated if needed, this would be approved at a special HIRC meeting prior to the

County Board meeting on November 14, 2017 and then will go directly to County Board for final approval. Consensus of Committee was to approve resolution as is, and forward to November County Board. **Motion to approve the resolution for sale of the Dexter Maintenance Shop and property and forward to December county board, D. LaFontaine, Winch. Motion carried.**

- a) Special Use Permits: January 20, 2018, Kiwanis Club, Annual Winter Outdoor Skills Sporting Event at Nepco Shelter Building, lake and ski trails, combined with the Nordic Ski Club open house event. 8am-4pm.
- b) A couple would like to start a Blue Grass Annual Music Family Event to be held at the South Park Enclosed shelter. This initial event they are looking at hopefully 250 people. It would run Friday and Saturday with Sunday clean-up. The dates are June 8-10, 2018. They would have live music in the shelter building itself, with some tents outside, catered food, catered alcohol sales. We would need the town and health department permits for this as well.
- c) Jeremiah's Crossing is an annual fundraiser utilizing the Dexter Shelter building for August 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. The 18<sup>th</sup> is set-up and the 19<sup>th</sup> is the actual event.

**Motion to approve the Special Use Permits by J. Zurfluh, second by M. Hokamp.**

**Motion carried.**

**Motion to approve the Parks and Forestry Director report by D. LaFontaine, second by J. Zurfluh. Motion carried.**

- 7. Forest Administrator report. Sandra Green, Office Supervisor went over the October report with the committee. **A motion was made to approve by D. LaFontaine, second by M. Hokamp. Motion carried.**

Fall Timber bid opening will be November 9, 2017. Timber bids will hopefully be approved prior to county board meeting in November.

B. Winch made contact with Dexter Town Chairman about grading Swallow Road. He will get in touch with F. Schubert to let him know of a date. They will try to do it at the same time they grade Park Road.

- 8. Correspondence. Sandra Green discussed small scale fundraising for Powers Bluff with Rubi Reds. Informational Only. The committee had no issue moving forward with this.
- C. Schooley informed the committee that the WI Outdoor Recreational Grant application was denied funding for the two projects he applied for earlier in the year. He will apply once again in May 2018.

General discussion regarding large scale fundraising for the Powers Bluff Development Project and how this will move forward. Chad is looking at smaller steps in the process

such as working on the hiking trails at Powers Bluff and signage. The challenge we have right now is not having a dedicated person or group to handle the fundraising aspect for this project, as well as a lot of competition with Capital Projects in Marshfield and Wisconsin Rapids.

9. Approve payment of bills. **Motion to approve payment of bills D. LaFontaine, second by J. Zurfluh. Motion carried.**
10. Revenue report. Parks revenue is doing well and is over the 2017 budgeted amount. This will offset the lack of forestry revenue at this time. **Motion to approve the revenue report by D. Lafontaine, second by J. Zurfluh. Motion carried.**
11. Sign State RMA with Kevin Garrigan. This year the statewide budget went up 2.8%. So Wood County will receive an additional \$44,100 € for RMA. Discussion took place for Highway 13 South and Highway Z about a bypass to enhance the safety on 8<sup>th</sup> street and would save money if they built a bypass from Home Depot. This would help the economic growth in Wood County. County Trunk A was also discussed.
12. Discuss water truck. Maintenance on roads. Kevin Garrigan, WI DOT, gave an explanation of the usage of salt and plowing in Wisconsin and Wood County compared to other states. Comparisons between using salt and salt brine solution on the roadways during the winter. The state is trying to get more counties to use this method. The state would like to start using only one section of a roadway at a time to use the liquid form and compare to another highway where only salt is being used showing the difference in cost and salt usage. The Highway Department would like to take one of the trucks and place a tanker on it leaving the wing and plow on it and making 100% salt brine solution for this truck only. They would replace that truck with a quad axle truck. The committee agrees this all makes sense and the county should move forward with this. This would work well on packed snow but not during ice storms. That's where the regular rock salt would be distributed. The state is asking the county to be open to this small change and D. Passineau is open to this and would like to move forward. D. Passineau will bring back quotes and numbers to the committee. The committee will support this project but will move forward with approval after dollar amounts are shown.
13. Discuss mastic machine. Most likely next month the committee will be seeing a bid on this. A mastic machine is a machine that repairs concrete and is used a lot on state highways. It's also used on asphalt. It is similar to rubber but the material has aggregates and polymers so its petroleum based. It shoots out like concrete, comes out hot and cools very quickly.

14. Discuss additional road projects. Just finished last five miles of paving. Completed about ~~25~~ 29.5 miles this year.
15. Discuss Winter Road School. January 15-17, 2018 at Chula Vista. D. Passineau invites the committee to attend. If interested, get in touch with him.
16. Discuss possible use of CTH V by frac sand company. Discussed.
17. Frac Sand update. Discussed.
18. Current projects update. Discussed.
19. Approve payment of bills. Discussed. **Motion to approve payment of bills by D. LaFontaine, second by M. Hokamp. Motion carried.**
20. Accounting Supervisor's report. Discussed. **Motion to approve the accounting supervisor's report by J. Zurfluh, second by M. Hokamp. Motion carried.**
21. Correspondence. D. Passineau discussed the survey for the Pittsville Highway Shop. The next step would be put this out for bids. **Motion to approve correspondence by D. LaFontaine and second by M. Hokamp. Motion carried.**
22. Next meeting date. The next meeting is schedule before the County Board on November 14, 2017 at 8:15 in Room 317A at the Wood County Courthouse. The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2017 at 8:00 am at the Wood County Highway Department.
23. Motion to adjourn. **Motion to adjourn at 11:15 am by D. LaFontaine, second by J. Zurfluh. Motion carried.**

Signed by, Secretary Marion Hokamp

*Marion Hokamp*

Minutes taken by Sandra Green, Parks & Forestry Office Supervisor