

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

DAY & DATE: Thursday, May 4, 2017
PLACE: Wood County Highway Department, 555 17th Ave North,
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495
MEETING TIME: 8:00 A.M.
ADJOURNMENT TIME: 12 Noon
MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Al Breu, Supervisor Marion Hokamp, Supervisor
David LaFontaine, Supervisor William Winch, Supervisor
Joseph Zurfluh
EXCUSED: None
OTHERS PRESENT: Supervisor Dennis Polach, Wood County Board; Sandra
Green, Parks Office Supervisor; Fritz Schubert, Forest
Administrator; Steve Grant, Wisconsin Dept. of Natural
Resources; Douglas Passineau, Highway Commissioner;
Roland Hawk, Highway Dept.; Phil Brown, Township of
Cranmoor; Supervisor Bill Clendenning, Wood County
Board.

1. Call meeting to order. Meeting called to order at 8:00 am by Supervisor Breu.
2. Public comments. Phil Brown from Glacial Lake Cranberries in the Township of Cranmoor is here to speak about Glacial Lake Cranberries flooding problem along Highway 173. The solution which is recommended is to clear the trees and brush along the north side of State Highway 173 so there is access to properly clean and maintain their ditches, GLC is willing to assist at this time. The procedure for removing these trees will be setting up a timber sale through Wood County Parks & Forestry Department. The application and permit fee that will be submitted for approval is \$600. This will be presented to the HIRC committee at approximately 9:00 am immediately following the Exec committee meeting prior to the County Board meeting on May 16, 2017.
3. Approve minutes of the April 6, 2017 Highway, Infrastructure, and Recreation Committee meeting(s). **Motion to approve the minutes by J. Zurfluh, second by D. LaFontaine. All in favor. Motion carried.**

PARKS:

4. Parks Construction Supervisor report.
 - a. Current projects update.
 - b. Employee matters.

Motion to approve the Parks Construction Supervisor report by M. Hokamp, second by D. LaFontaine. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Office Supervisor report.
 - a. Snowmobile/ATV Reports
 - b. Office Update
 - c.

Motion to approve the Parks Office Supervisor report by D. Lafontaine, second by B. Winch. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Parks and Forestry Director report.
 - a. Nepco shelter acoustic options. C. Schooley discussed the estimates he gathered for the hanging acoustic panels and how he will move forward.
 - b. 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Plan. C. Schooley handed out the updated 2018-2022 CIP summary. D. LaFontaine suggested one small change to our summary sheet which we will put into place for next year.
Approval by D. LaFontaine, M. Hokamp to approve the 5-year CIP. Opposed – B. Winch. He does not agree with the plan and does not agree with the numbers reflected on the Parks & Forestry CIP. Rest in favor. Motion Carried.
 - c. Discuss and possibly approve purchase of fleet vehicles.
Motion to approval to purchase two used fleet vehicles by D. LaFontaine, second by J. Zurfluh. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - d. 2017 County Conservation Aids Fund. This is an annual grant that Wood County is eligible for with the Consolidated Musky Club to purchase fingerlings and placed in the WI River and Nepco Lake. The resolution will most likely be introduced at the June meeting.
Motion to move forward on granting permission to apply for this grant to work with the Consolidated Musky Club to introduce fingerlings by J. Zurfluh, second by D. LaFontaine. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - e. Stewardship grant resolution. C. Schooley passed out copies of the resolution for review.
Motions to approve the Stewardship grant resolution to apply for the grant by J. Zurfluh, M. Hokamp. Discussion regarding funds. Motion continues by D. LaFontaine, second by J. Zurfluh. Opposed - B. Winch. Bill does not agree with this resolution. Rest in favor. Motion carried.
 - f. Discuss and possibly approve naming rights plan for PB Development Project.
Motion to approve naming rights plan for the PB Development Project by D. LaFontaine, second by M. Hokamp. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - g. Special Use Permits. First request is an annual permit for Todd Wolosek for training out at disposal site at Lake Wazeecha and will run from May 2017 to May 2018. Second request is the June 4, 2017 10th Annual Disc Golf Tournament at North Park with a \$50 fee for this permit. **Motion to approve the Special Use Permits by M. Hokamp, second by J. Zurfluh. All in favor. Motion carried.**

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

FORESTRY:

7. Forest Administrator report.
 - a. Timber Sale Update.
 Steve Grant, Forester is retiring from the DNR and the committee wishes him well in his future endeavors. The committee would like to send Steve a Letter of Commendation and will be recommended at the Wood County Board of Supervisors in May. This will also be included on the same agenda mentioned above prior to the County Board.
Motion to approve the Forest Administrator report by D. LaFontaine, second by J. Zurfluh. All in favor. Motion carried.
8. Correspondence. S. Green handed out the 2017 Parks & Forestry summer brochure.
9. Approve payment of bills.
10. Revenue report.
Motion to approve payment of bills and the revenue report by D. LaFontaine, second by B. Winch. All in favor. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY:

11. Discuss leasing of vehicles. Discussion of what is more advantageous, leasing or trading in and buying used or new. The snapshot looks like leasing may not be advantageous but is open to other suggestions.
12. Discuss power broom. They have a 1985 power broom and will cost about \$26K to replace. This will be put out for bids. This will be an amendment to the CIP. **Motion to put this out for bids by M. Hokamp, second by D. Lafontaine. All in favor. Motion carried.**
13. Discuss safety allowance. Currently receive \$100/year or wait two years and receive \$200. Other requests are coming in to pay for necessary safety items. The commissioner would like to raise the amount to \$150 and issue at the first of the year to purchase the safety apparel they feel they need. The committee feels that \$150 is not enough based on the cost of safety boots alone. There are employees who for example, work on asphalt that go through two pairs of boots per year.
Motion to raise the Highway annual safety allowance to \$200 for safety apparel to be issued at the first of each year by D. LaFontaine, second by M. Hokamp.
Opposed – J. Zurfluh. Supervisor Zurfluh does not feel this agenda item was presented correctly and should have read “Discuss and act on”. Rest in favor. Motion carried.
14. Discuss debt service. D. Passineau handed out a worksheet titled “Pavement Ratings from 2005 to EOY 2016”. Discussed. **Motion to move forward in June with the Executive Committee for debt service by D. LaFontaine, second by M. Hokamp. All in favor. Motion carried.**
15. Update on building improvements. Discussed.
16. Village of Hewitt railroad quiet zone. **Motion by the committee that due to safety concerns, the committee is opposed to a quiet zone because it would reduce safety for the traveling public by D. LaFontaine, second by M. Hokamp. All in favor. Motion carried.**
17. Frac Sand update. No update at this time.
18. Current projects update. No questions.
19. Approve payment of bills. Discussed. **Motion to approve payment of bills by D. LaFontaine, second by J. Zurfluh. All in favor. Motion carried.**
20. Accounting Supervisor’s Report. **Motion to approve the Accounting Supervisor’s report by D. LaFontaine, second by J. Zurfluh. All in favor. Motion carried.**
21. Correspondence. The commissioner had a few items which were discussed. Supervisor Clendenning wanted to mention that on May 9th at 11:30 there is a meeting at the Nekoosa Community Center to discuss the Sand Valley Golf Course. The Legion Post 54 in Marshfield would like to thank the County for Youth Government Day.
22. Next meeting date: June 1, 2017 at the Wood County Highway Department, 2300 N. Galvin Ave, Marshfield, WI 54449 at 8:00 am. The July meeting will need to be re-scheduled for a different date. **The July HIRC meeting is now scheduled for Monday, July 10th at 8:00 am.**
23. Meeting adjournment. **Motion to adjourn at 12 noon.**

Electronically signed by, Secretary Marion Hokamp

Marion Hokamp

Minutes taken by Sandra Green, Parks & Forestry Office Supervisor