

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

DAY & DATE: Thursday, August 4th, 2016

PLACE: Wood County Highway Department
555 17th Ave N, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495

MEETING TIME: 8:00 AM

ADJOURNMENT TIME: 12:18 PM

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

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: County Board Supervisor Dennis Polach, Park and
Forestry Director Chad Schooley, Forest
Administrator Fritz Schubert, Park and Forestry
Office Supervisor Sandra Green, Highway
Commissioner Douglas Passineau, Highway
Accounting Supervisor John Peckham, Highway
Accounting Technician Caitlin Carmody, WDNR
Forester Steve Grant, Bill Fuehrer - Central
Wisconsin ATV Club, Jeffrey Masephol - Central
Wisconsin ATV Club, A. Anthony - Citizen.

1. Chairman Al Breu called the meeting to order at 8:04 A.M.
2. Public Comments.

A. Anthony spoke on the subject of the Red Sands Beach on Lake Wazeecha. He stated he felt the conditional use permit that the Committee approved for the Aqua Skiers for use of the beach for practice during the week was a short-sited move that was impinging on the rights of thousands to use the beach. He stated that there are only three public beaches in the area and now the nicest one is shut down for public use so the Aqua Skiers can use it. He stated that he felt there was not enough public property as it is and would like the Committee to reconsider the Special Use Permit and to consider purchasing more properties for public use.

Chairman Breu asked Park and Forestry Director Chad Schooley if there were other complaints about the Aqua Skiers use of the beach. Schooley stated individuals he spoke to did not feel they had any say in it. He also stated he would like the Special Use Permit to be brought forward earlier this next year so people from the public can come to the Committee meeting to speak on it. Breu asked if

boating is still open on the lake. Schooley stated that while it is not officially closed (except during the ski show tournaments, State and Worlds, per the Town of Grand Rapids permit they have), when they are practicing, very few others can be on that end of the lake. Schooley has a meeting soon with representatives from the Aqua Skiers. At the meeting, he will be requesting their requested beach closure dates for next year.

Supervisor Zurfluh suggested holding a public hearing on the matter in the evening so more people could be present if they wanted to. Breu requested the topic to be put on next month's HIRC meeting as well.

3. Approve minutes of the July 6, 2016 Highway, Infrastructure, and Recreation Committee meeting.

Motion by D. LaFontaine and second by W. Winch to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2016 Highway, Infrastructure, and Recreation Committee meeting. All in favor. MC

PARKS:

4. Parks Construction Supervisor Report.
 - a. Current Projects Update

Supervisor Winch inquired about the truck that was going to be replaced. Schooley indicated they will be selling their current fuel truck, moving a plow truck into the fuel truck position, and purchasing a new plow truck.

Schooley made special note of the storm cleanup completed at Lake Wazeecha. Whereas he stated it was nice to have so many volunteers assisting with the cleanup, in future events there has to be more safety precautions in place, as many volunteers were not wearing proper personal protection equipment and were not staying a safe distance away from the cleanup area.

- b. Employee Matters

Motion by M. Hokamp and second by D. LaFontaine to approve the Parks Construction Supervisor Report. All in favor. MC

5. Office Supervisor report.
 - a. Snowmobile/ATV Reports
 - b. Office Update
 - c. ATV Route Proposals, Jeff Masephol

Jeff Masephol and Bill Fuerher of the Central Wisconsin ATV Club were present during this portion to discuss proposed ATV route sections on select County Trunk Highways. They requested that some of the County Trunk Highways indicated in their report be partially opened so they can have

access to the town roads. Most sections are .25 mile to 1 mile long. Safety concerns were raised by Highway Commissioner Doug Passineau. Zurfluh recommended an expiration and review provision be put on the routes so the Committee can address any problems that may arise and revise the routes if necessary. The Committee requested that Passineau review the proposed routes and discuss the concerns he has with both the Sheriff's Department and Corporation Counsel. Next month, the committee will discuss the proposed routes again and if deemed fitting, approve.

Motion by D. LaFontaine and second by J. Zurfluh to approve the Office Supervisor Report. All in favor. MC

6. Park and Forestry Director report
 - a. Distribute draft of 2017 budget

The Committee discussed the draft budget and reviewed any changes. An item of note is the "Improvement worksheet" noted in the summaries. This indicates changes due to an increase of (.5) in the number of Full Time Employees (proposing turning the Casual Forest Technician position Full Time). Additionally, there is a projected increase in revenues for next year. The draft budget keeps the tax levy for the Park and Forestry operating budget at the 2016 level.

- b. Special Use Permits
Multi - Metro Deer Hunt in South Wood County Park area.

Motion by W. Winch and second by M. Hokamp to approve the Special Use Permit for the use of portions of South Wood County Park for a multi-metro deer hunt. All in favor. MC

Aqua Skiers benefit show – Sunday, August 28th, 2016 from 2:00 PM to dark. Red Sands Beach Pavilion is rented for the event. Requesting closure of Red Sands Beach for an additional ski show. This date was not provided at the time of their other Special Use Permits. They are already advertising the show on their website. There will be music and food vendors. Schooley stated he is not in favor of closing down the beach for the event due to the beach being closed starting the following weekend for the World Ski Show event.

Motion by J. Zurfluh and second by D. LaFontaine to approve the Special Use Permit for closure of the Red Sands Beach on Sunday, August 28th for a benefit ski show by the Aqua Skiers. All in favor. MC

W. Winch brought suggestions for acoustic panels to be used at the Nepco Shelter Building. The next committee meeting is to be held there so the Committee can review the acoustical needs there. Schooley will contact the company regarding the acoustic panels to obtain a quote.

Motion by J. Zurfluh and second by D. LaFontaine to approve the Park and Forestry Director Report. All in favor. MC

FORESTRY:

7. Forest Administrator report.
a. Timber Sale Update.

Job 746 that was added is a storm damage salvage sale, 52 acres on STH 54 in the neighborhood of the ATV park. It is all mature red and white pine.

- b. County Forest Storm Damage Overview.

WDNR Forester Steve Grant was present during this section to discuss the storm damage that was done to Wood County Forest Land. They have been putting together a bid for salvage harvest of those areas affected by the storm. The bid will be opened in late September probably. They provided a map of the areas affected. Approximately 300 acres and 18 stands of forest land were affected, though most of the damage was in spots on those properties.

- c. Enbridge Energy Temporary Access, Working Rights, and Occupation Agreement. Discussion and Approval.

This agreement is similar in nature to one brought forth and signed a year ago. It is in a different location. The agreement states they have one year from the date of signing to complete the work. Forest Administrator Fritz Schubert stated he will have Corporation Counsel review it and will put it on the September HIRC agenda to review and possibly approve.

Motion by M. Hokamp and second by J. Zurfluh to approve the Forest Administrator Report. All in favor. MC

8. Correspondence.

Schooley brought forward an article about drone use in public parks. Marathon County is treating drone use similar to remote control plane use – there is a designated area where it is allowed. Schooley indicated it hasn't been a problem yet – he's only personally seen two which were flying over Lake Wazeecha. There are some safety and privacy concerns in the park regarding their use. Schooley believes that drones are still banned in National Parks. This will be a topic on next month's HIRC agenda.

9. Approve payment of bills.

Motion by D. LaFontaine and second by W. Winch to approve the payment of bills. All in favor. MC

10. Revenue report.

Motion by M. Hokamp and second by W. Winch to approve the revenue report. All in favor. MC

The Committee took a break at 10:30 AM and resumed at 10:45 AM.

HIGHWAY:

11. Discuss Trans 277 Salt Shed Compliance (Pavement).

Passineau stated we have some deficient asphalt at the salt shed storage facilities. We will be digging this asphalt out and replacing it to get back into compliance with the State's requirements.

12. Distribute draft of 2017 budget.

The Committee discussed the draft budget and reviewed any changes. The 50/50 bridge aid program will now be funded by a special levy instead of from the county funds per Wisconsin Statute. Including the effect of that procedural change, the Highway Department will present a zero levy increase budget to the Executive Committee.

13. Discuss problems with 2012 International Quad Axle Truck.

Breu had received complaints from the driver of the 2012 International Quad Axle Truck in question regarding the cost of maintenance of the vehicle versus its value. Passineau had reviewed its maintenance records and fuel costs and while there is an increased fuel cost, the maintenance costs are about average. The truck is a transformer meaning it can be used year round for trucking operations (construction or winter maintenance). The increased fuel usage due to the truck being heavier because of its transformer status is not enough to offset the cost of purchasing a new quad axle truck.

14. Open bids on 2016 ½ ton Quad Cab 4-Wheel Drive Truck.

Motion by J. Zurfluh and second by D. LaFontaine for the Highway Commissioner to accept the quote most advantageous to Wood County. All in favor. MC.

15. Discuss storm damage from July 22nd storm.

The storm was on July 21st, not the 22nd. Clean up was extended into July 22nd which was a Friday. Additional clean up took place on Friday, July 30th.

16. Frac Sand update.

Payments are supposed to begin in September of 2016.

17. Current projects update.

The County can complete patching work for cities if it is 500' or less and the city has 10,000 residents or more based on a new agreement with the Construction Business Group.

18. Approve payment of bills.

Motion by W. Winch and second by D. LaFontaine to approve the payment of bills. All in favor. MC

19. Accounting Supervisor's Report.

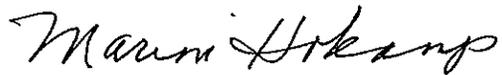
No comments.

20. Correspondence.

No comments.

21. Next meeting date: September 1, 2016 at the **Nepco Lake Shelter House, 1410 Griffith Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494**

22. Motion by W. Winch and second by M. Hokamp to adjourn at 12:18 PM. All in favor. MC



Marion Hokamp, Secretary

Minutes taken by Caitlin Carmody, Highway Accounting Technician