

MINUTES
Thursday, October 3, 2019
HIGHWAY COMMITTEE OF
OCONTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AT THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
202 VAN DYKE STREET, OCONTO, WI 54153
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(Draft minutes –until approved by committee)

COMMITTEE PRESENT: Ragen, Sleeter, Bartels Jr., and Stranz.

ABSENT: Christianson

OTHERS PRESENT: Pat Scanlan, Vanessa Peters, Monty Brink – Forestry and Parks, Dennis Ferdon and Ron Rauscher – Oconto ATV Club, Steve Wendt – Article 15 Bar and Grill, Dan Hoppe – Dusty Trails ATV Club

TIME MEETING BEGAN: 9:00 A.M.

1. Approval of Agenda
 - A. Change of Sequence - None
 - B. Remove Items – NoneMotion by Stranz, second by Bartels Jr, to approve the agenda. The motion was voted and carried.
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting
Motion by Sleeter, second by Bartels Jr., to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2019 meeting. The motion was voted and carried.
3. Review Prior Months Vendor Payments
Committee reviewed monthly vendor payments.
4. Communications
 - a. Letter received from Chris Dunk regarding contractors working during Nicolet Trail Salvage process.
 - b. Lena Promotions Committee provided detour information for road closure request October 5, 2019 from 6am – 6pm for Taste of Fall event.
 - c. Corp Counsel Ellingson sent notification to Scanlan that everything has been received to complete the Quit Claim Deed on CTH S to Samuel Walkowiak.
5. Dan Hoppe ATV Club Route Request
Request was made to utilize a portion of CTH Z for ATV use. Motion by Stranz, second by Bartels Jr. to allow ATV/UTV access on CTH Z on a ¼ mile segment between Marl Lake Road and Ucil Lake Road. The motion was voted and carried.
6. Oconto Area ATV Club Information Update
Motion by Bartels Jr., second by Sleeter to postpone discussion on request to use segment of CTH E until Town of Abrams minutes are received showing the vote to open town roads for ATV use. The motion was voted and carried. A map showing desired route was also requested.
7. Discuss Highway Committee Election
After discussion committee feels election process should continue as is, versus appointments by County Board Chair. Highway Committee Chair will be chosen among members.
8. Update Access Request CTH-EE
Wood Creek Properties sent alternative request for two accesses off CTH-EE which can be approved.
9. Update Road Projects
Portion of CTH S to be done near Bellin in Oconto and segment on CTH G near Kelly Lake to improve water flow. CTH S and CTH J paving is complete. Several jobs for towns remain weather permitting.
10. Update Bridge Projects
Grosse Road bridge may not be open this fall due to rain delays. Project change request for additional funding have been submitted for Grosse Road and CTH BB bridges. Bridge audit scheduled for next year through Omni. Brink requested assistance with forest/parks bridges at same time.

11. Update MLS Program
Meeting was held October 2 at Town of How Community Building. Scanlan will be applying for funding for 3 structures on CTH CC, CTH VV, and CTH J.
12. Update LRIP Program
Meeting held October 2 at Town of How Community Building. Scanlan will be applying for CHI funds for 2 structures.
13. Discuss/Review Operator 1 Applications
42 Applications have been received, with 15 selected for interviews. There will be 5 openings due to upcoming retirements. Interviews scheduled for October 15, 8am.
14. Approve LFA – WISDOT
Motion by Stranz, second by Sleeter to approve LFA funds for culvert on STH 32. The motion was voted and carried. Committee signed contract.
15. Update 2020 Budget
State transportation aids are up \$93,000. Discussion at budget hearing on plan to fund future county highway projects to get more completed each year. 9% increase request was approved.
16. Announcements/General Information (No Action to be taken)
Scanlan shared a speed concern on CTH F.
18. Next Meeting Date
Next meeting set for November 7, 2019 – 9:00 am. Interviews held October 15, 2019 – 8:00 am.
19. Adjournment
Chair Ragen declared meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.

Vanessa Peters

Recorder

Date Posted: October 9, 2019