

MINUTES
Thursday, March 7, 2019
HIGHWAY COMMITTEE OF
OCONTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AT THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
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(Draft minutes –until approved by committee)

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

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Pat Scanlan, Vanessa Peters, Bill Elias, Brandon Hytinen, Tom Schaal – Lena Motor Cross, WisDOT Representatives: Al Rommel, Brian Brock, Will Dorsey, Colleen Harris, Chris Blazek

TIME MEETING BEGAN: 9:00 A.M.

1. Approval of Agenda
 - A. Change of Sequence – Move item 5 after Item 1.
 - B. Remove Items – NoneMotion by Christianson, second by Stranz, to approve the agenda with change of sequence. The motion was voted and carried.
5. WisDOT Representatives

Discussion included proposed budget updates due to new administration. Handouts were given regarding Oconto County's highway improvement programs for 2019-2022. Highway Dept was thanked for their winter and routine maintenance to the state system. Received details on salt shortage and Scanlan voiced concerns with salt ordering and winter availability rates. WisDOT will look at speed request change on STH 32 by Anderson Lake and get back to Scanlan as well as portion of STH 32 in Townsend that currently has a seasonal speed change.
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion by Sleeter, second by Stranz, to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2019 meeting. The motion was voted and carried.
3. Review Prior Months Vendor Payments

Committee reviewed monthly vendor payments.
4. Communications
 - a. Notice of Public Hearings, nothing currently impacting the Oconto County Highway Systems.
 - b. Scanlan received notice from Conway Olejniczak & Jerry S.C. to attend a disposition on behalf of the highway dept regarding a 2014 accident at a RR crossing.
 - c. Jamie Broehm is looking for recommendations regarding driveway accesses on CTH D. Recommendation was made to approve idea as presented with stipulation that no future accesses will be granted in that location.
 - d. Thank you from Donna Demuth was read for good work done by highway department on CTH G near Kelly Lake.
6. Request for Signage BOTF

Peterson Farms is requesting a town road closure for Breakfast on the Farm. Request needs to be taken to the town but Highway Dept will assist with proper signage.
7. Dirt City Request / Permit

Tom Schaal requested temporary crosswalk permission on CTH A on behalf of Lena Motor Cross for an event July 25-28, 2019. Motion by Sleeter, second by Christianson to grant permission for pedestrians to cross CTH A provided proper signage is used. The motion was voted and carried.
8. Employee Status Form / Employee Update

Highway Committee signed status form moving Matt Coshenet to an Operator 3, I4 pay grade due to a retirement. Letter of resignation from Matt Wendt was read. Employment ads have been published

with the change of allowing potential employees 60 days after start of employment to obtain a CDL with appropriate endorsements. Summer LTE positions will no longer require enrollment in secondary education as a way to increase the applicant pool.

9. State Budget Update
Wis DOT discussed potential budget changes due to new administration during item 5.
10. Project Updates
CTH-BB bridge and Grosse Road bridge are both on schedule. CTH-H bridge is set for 2020 construction.
11. STP-R Updates
Oconto County has received three STP-R project approvals: CTH-R , CTH-I, and CTH-C. Scanlan has submitted a project change request to change CTH-C to CTH-B.
12. Fleet Incidents Review
Scanlan reviewed three incidents that have occurred with plow trucks.
13. Winter Costs / Budget
The highway dept has surpassed 2019's budget for county winter maintenance.
14. Announcements/General Information (No Action to be taken)
15. Set Next Meeting Date
Next meeting set for April 4, 2019 at 9:00 am.
16. Adjournment
Chair Ragen declared meeting adjourned at 11.20 am.

Vanessa Peters

Recorder

Date Posted: March 8, 2019