

**MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.**  
**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE OF OCONTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER’S OFFICE AT THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**  
**202 VANDYKE STREET, OCONTO WI 54153**

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*(Draft minutes not approved by committee)*

COMMITTEE PRESENT: Elmer Ragen, David Behrend, David Christianson, Joel Lavarda, Robert Wolf  
ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Brandon Hytinen, Vanessa Hasenberg, Erik Pritzl, Al Sleeter, Todd Skarban, Kim Pytleski

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Ragen called the meeting to order at 9 am.

2. Election of Committee Chair/Vice Chair

Vice Chair Ragen opened the floor to nominations for Chair. Christianson nominated by Ragen. Hearing no further nominations, Vice Chair Ragen closed the floor to nominations. Motion by Lavarda/Wolf to cast a unanimous ballot for Christianson as chairperson of the Highway Committee. Chair Christianson opened the floor to nominations for Vice Chair. Ragen nominated by Christianson. Hearing no further nominations, Chair Christianson closed the floor to nominations. Motion by Lavarda/Christianson to cast a unanimous ballot for Ragen as Vice Chair of the Highway Committee. The motion was voted and carried.

3. Approval of Agenda

3.1 Change of Sequence – None.

3.2 Removal of Items – None.

Motion by Behrend/Wolf to approve the agenda. The motion was voted and carried.

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Motion by Ragen/Behrend to approve the April 7, 2022 minutes with a change in item 10 from City of Gillett police chief, to City of Oconto Falls police chief. The motion was voted and carried.

5. CTH-BB ATV Route Requests

Hytinen shared request from Gillett Sno & ATV Riders to open CTH-BB from Gillett south to Shawano Line Road while the Nicolet State Trail is closed. Discussion followed on the portions of the county that are already open to traffic year round. Sheriff Skarban has no concerns. Motion by Lavarda/Ragen to approve opening CTH-BB for ATV/UTV use from Gillett city limits south to Shawano Line Road year round. The motion was voted and carried.

6. Michigan Border Permit CTH-S Discussion

Michigan permit condition sheet received from WisDOT allowing 164,000 pound loads on USH 141 to CTH S. Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association’s goal is to travel 0.5 miles down CTH-S to desired location if permitted by highway department. Discussion followed on axle load limits and potential negative impacts to pavement and shoulders on CTH-S. Motion by Behrend/Lavarda to deny any future permit requests received until plans are established by WisDOT to improve CTH-S prior to allowing loads. The motion was voted and carried.

7. Review Prior Months Vendor Payments

Hytinen explained the report to new members and vendor payments were discussed.

8. Communications

- Notice of Public Hearings – No impact to county highway system.
- Hytinen submitted two FLAP applications for federal funding and received notice in April that neither project was chosen.

- Letter received regarding landowner on CTH Z being in violation for excessive animal waste runoff.
  - Hytinen reported there was damage to our plow truck from hitting sanitary manhole on North Kelly Lake Road.
9. CTH-BB Detour Request  
Joint Use Agreement form received from City of Gillett requesting detour on CTH-BB on June 18 for Roy Hubbard Memorial truck show parade. Motion by Ragen/Lavarda to allow the use of CTH-BB for parade with proper signage and detour. The motion was voted and carried.
  10. Approve to Order Three (3) Dump Body /Plow Packages for Delivery in 2023  
Chassis purchases committed at February County Board meeting for 2023 budget. Motion by Lavarda/Wolf to approve request to order 3 Dump Body/Plow packages for delivery in 2023. The motion voted and carried.
  11. Summer Road School Conference  
Conference scheduled for June 6-8 in Wisconsin Dells.
  12. Announcements/General Information/Guests (No action to be taken)
    - NE Region Commissioner and Committee Member meeting is May 12 in Black Creek.
    - CTH-B pre-construction meeting is May 17.
    - Informational meeting scheduled for June 8 for the CTH-I project from Fuller Lane to Husky Lane.
    - Hytinen updated utility issue on CTH-I. Fiber duct will be removed and buried in correct spot.
    - Concrete repair taking place on STH-141 north of Lena. Crack filling taking place on STH 32.
    - Village of Lena, Oconto Falls utility projects that involve county roads will be starting soon.
    - Patrol Superintendents attending Work Zone Traffic Safety training next week in Fond du lac.
    - Behrend, Wolf, and Lavarda toured Oconto shop.
  13. Next Meeting Date  
Next meeting scheduled for June 9, 2022 at 9 am.
  14. Adjournment  
Meeting adjourned after shop tour at 12:15 p.m.

Vanessa Hasenberg  
Recorder  
Date Posted: 5/12/2022