

MARQUETTE COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Highway Department Office Building Webex Remote Access Meeting December 21st, 2021 – Meeting Minutes

Committee Chairperson Al Gibeaut called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Members of the committee present. Present: Al Gibeaut, Al Rosenthal, Ken Borzick, John Bennett and David Krentz. Other county officials present Brian Trebiatowski, Ron Barger and Brenda Petersen.

Moved by Ken Borzick and seconded by John Bennett to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Al Rosenthal and seconded by Dave Krentz to approve the minutes from the November 16th, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Citizens Input- None

ATV Route Approvals- Brian shared the 4 routes pending approval. CTH Y, CTH E West, CTH E East and CTH J. Brian recommends approval of all routes. Moved by Ken Borzick and seconded by Al Rosenthal to approve the requests for County Road ATV/UTV routes which will not be signed until Spring of 2022 and/or until all connecting routes have been fully approved and signed. Motion carried. Attached to the December minutes are the requests in full detail.

Township Questions/Comments/Concerns- Some discussion regarding the potential gravel pit in Marquette County.

State Report Review- RMA costs for November were \$32,327 which is 3.44% under budget for the month. The bulk of the costs were to litter pickup, miscellaneous maintenance and patching. Remaining budget is \$365,574 for 2021 which is significantly under budget for the year.

County Report Review- November costs were \$108,881.29 with \$91,254 in County Maintenance with most of the costs going to shouldering and mowing. Winter Maintenance costs were \$1,184. Bridge Maintenance had \$1,386 in costs. Overlay Maintenance was \$11,346. Remaining budget for 2021 is (\$853,146). Brian reported we did receive the first of two reimbursements for the TREDC project and did receive the CHIP-D reimbursement. Using those numbers to offset the County Budget shows a remaining balance of \$15,679.71.

Town Report Review – Townships did a total of \$50,008 in work for November with \$20,277 being labor costs. Villages and City had \$3,835 in work with \$1,140 in labor costs. The 20% GTA this year has now been met by eleven Townships. The current year labor comparison vs the 5-year average is up 7.47%. Comparing current year to last year labor is down 13.60%. Brian stated that the remaining 3 townships are expected to meet the 20 percent requirement based on brushing projects and plowing labor.

Interdepartmental Report Review- Brian reported we sold 3,838.26 gallons of fuel to other departments in November. Average cost for the year is \$2.3210 for unleaded and \$2.2206 for diesel which includes the state tax of .309 per gallon. Year to date fuel sold is 44,536 gallons.

Labor Percentage by Job Type Report- Brian reported year to date Labor Percentage for worked performed- County work is 60.60%, State is 16.29%, Townships are 20.63% and Interdepartmental is 1.35%. Some discussion regarding the percentages, Brian stated ideally, he would like to see the County at 50% with State, Township and Other sharing the other 50%.

State Project Review- MPM Approvals: RMA monthly invoice was approved in the MPM system by Brian and forwarded to the region for approval and payment. Also approved by Brian was the Winter Readiness reimbursement.

CHIP-D/MLS Causeway project update- The engineers are working on readjusting the plans due to the grade reduction and working on different options for the fishing platforms. Al Rosenthal asked about contacting the Army Corps of Engineers about installing a temporary bridge while the construction is going on. Brian will reach out and get some information and costs if available.

TREDC-CLOSE project- Just waiting on signature for project completion paperwork and will then be submitted for final reimbursement.

CHIP-S Project and Funding Amount- After attending the regional meeting Brian reported that Marquette County's share is \$281,352.96 which will be earmarked for County Road J from STH 22 East to the County Line.

Town Project Review- Brian presented the following Town Agreements for approval and the Chairman to sign: Town of Buffalo and Town of Moundville. Moved by John Bennett and seconded by Ken Borzick to accept the listed Town Agreements. Motion carried. Brian has gotten verbal approvals from the remaining Towns of Springfield, Newton and Packwaukee.

Local Bridge Project Update- MSA and the Town of Montello have resumed working on the 14th Road Bridge. Brian reached out to the Town of Buffalo regarding the 16th Road RR Bridge and informed them of

Inter-Departmental Operations- Brian reported we have a few more little jobs to finish for Pat Kilbey. Lower Locks, Montello Park and the Boat Landing work Pat wanted done is complete.

Equipment/ Property Purchase and Disposal- Brian went over the RFP's received for the 2022 Wheel Loader Purchase. Brian would like to accept the bid from Aring Equipment for a 2.5 Yard Wheel Loader, taking our State Shed Loader in as trade for \$25,000 with a fork set and grapple for \$174,452 Moved by John Bennett and seconded by Dave Krentz to authorize Brian to purchase. Motion carried. Brian then went over the 2023 purchase of a 3.5-wheel loader that Aring had quoted for the 2023 budget. Aring will honor the price for purchase in 2023 \$196,921 and taking the Neshkoro loader as a trade for \$43,000. Moved by Al Rosenthal and seconded by Ken Borzick to approve the purchase in 2023. Motion carried.

Results of Compact Track Loader RFP- Brian would like to accept the bid from Riesterer & Schnell without trading anything in towards it. We would benefit more keeping the skid steer we have that we share with Buildings and Grounds for what was offered as a trade. Moved by John Bennett and seconded by Ken Borzick to accept the RFP for a Gehl 7910 Wheel Machine for \$97,484 with no trade and with the attachments for the 2022 budget. Motion carried

Positions and staffing update-General Laborer interviews today at 12:30 pm. Mechanic- resignation from our last mechanic hire. Employment ad is being run in 3 papers for 4 weeks.

Ron would like a recommendation from Highway Committee to have a discussion with Executive Finance regarding pay, retaining employees and getting qualified applicants. Ron stated there needs to be a discussion to compete with the neighboring counties and private sector.

WCHA Updates- Discussion regarding infrastructure bill, numbers are in but waiting on the guidelines and requirements for spending. WCHA is hoping the funding is used to supplement the programs already in place rather than re-inventing the wheel again. The North Central region is advocating for fair dispersal to rural counties.

Upcoming Events/Issues/Correspondence- Winter Road School is January 18th and 19th, 2022 at Chula Vista Resort. Which would change the date of the January meeting to January 11th, 2022 at 9am.

Moved by John Bennett and seconded by Ken Borzick to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.

Al Gibeaut declared the meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Brenda Petersen, Accounting Manager

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