

MARQUETTE COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Highway Department Office Building

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February 15th, 2022 – Meeting Minutes

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

Moved by John Bennett and seconded by Dave Krentz to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Al Rosenthal and seconded by Ken Borzick to approve the minutes from the January 11th, 2022, meeting. Motion carried.

Citizens Input- None

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

State Report Review- RMA costs for January were \$125,391 which is 1.08% over budget for the month. The bulk of the costs were to winter maintenance and brushing. The department also received from the state its Equipment Storage Reimbursement and Winter Readiness payments for a total of \$65,559.88 in January. Remaining budget is \$717,649 for 2022. Brian showed TMA costs for 2021.

County Report Review- January costs were \$125,380 with \$17,709 in County Maintenance with most of the costs going to brushing, signing and training. Winter Maintenance costs were \$105,061. Bridge Maintenance had \$2,610 in costs. Remaining budget for 2022 is 2,094,620. Brian reported that the crew has flagger and CPR training in the near future.

Town Report Review – Townships did a total of \$171,375 in work for January with \$64,676 being labor costs. Villages and City had \$8,850 in work with \$592 in labor costs. The 20% GTA to be used in labor dollars totals \$265,290 for 2022. The current year labor comparison vs the 5-year average is up 10.33%. Comparing current year to last year labor is up 9.95%.

Interdepartmental Report Review- Brian reported we sold 4,249 gallons of fuel to other departments in January. Average cost for the year is \$2.9691 for unleaded and \$2.9615 for diesel which includes the state tax of .309 per gallon. Brian showed that in 4 years we have sold 116,261 gallons to other departments in the county.

Labor Percentage by Job Type Report- Brian reported year to date Labor Percentage for worked performed- County work is 44.51%, State is 22.77%, Townships are 32.10% and Interdepartmental is .33%.

State Project Review- MPM Approvals: RMA and TMA monthly invoice were approved in the MPM system by Brian and forwarded to the region for approval and payment. Also approved by Brian was the fourth quarter fuel survey.

CHIP-D/MLS Causeway project update- Brian reported the plans for the Causeway project are at the 90% design stage. Army Corps of Engineers permits are complete. The costs for the project are coming in at \$350,000 over what was projected largely due to the fishing piers and the uncertain cost of the wood chips. There was discussion regarding the number of platforms. Brian told the committee there are grant programs through the DNR, but he is not sure of the amount available. Brian will get together with Pat Kilbey to discuss. It was also stated that the work will not begin prior to June 15, 2022 and the public would have a minimum of a 2 to 3 week notice once the exact start date has been determined.

TREDC-CLOSE project- Final reimbursement was received. One last form is needed to close the project.

BIL- Bipartisan Infrastructure Legislation- Brian informed the committee of \$1.3 billion in funds available over the next 5 years. 2022 must be only low impact projects on minor arterial or major collector roads to be considered. Brian is proposing County Road E from STH 22 to Neshkoro. The estimated

engineering cost would be around \$97,000 that would have to be internally funded. The reason for the high engineering costs are that each project must meet federal specifications, permitting and review. The project would be over a million-dollar project with the County only having to pay 20%. Some discussion followed regarding other projects for the other 4 years of funding. Moved by John Bennett and seconded by Dave Krentz to approve the cost for engineering design of CTH E from STH 22 to the Village of Neshkoro limits with funding to be determined. Motion carried.

Town Project Review- Brian presented the Town of Packwaukee's Town Agreement for approval and the Chairman to sign. Moved by Al Rosenthal and seconded by Ken Borzick to accept the Town Agreement. Motion carried.

Brian reported that the WCHA is coming out with a fact sheet as how to BIL relates to towns, which he will pass on when received. Towns will be a September deadline. Brian recommends if towns plan on applying for funds they hire a design firm.

Local Bridge Project Update- The 14th Road bridge in the town of Montello has been postponed beginning in 2024 due to federally protected wetland. The Village of Westfield bridge is slated for 2023 with the village also planning a road project on Main St at the same time.

Inter-Departmental Operations- The department has some timber axing to do at Muir Park.

Equipment/ Property Purchase and Disposal- RFPs for material bids will be available at the March meeting. Brian is reporting an \$8 to \$10 increase per ton in asphalt based on discussions with other counties.

Positions and staffing update-All 4 vacancies have been filled. Mechanic interviews- 3 applicants with no CDL and no heavy truck experience. The mechanic job posting and the Patrol Superintendent vacancy will be listed for the next few weeks.

WCHA Updates- 2022 Commissioner Training is March 22nd and 23rd, Brian is waiting for the agenda before deciding if he will attend for not. Brian will be sending 2-3 employees to the WI Department of Ag Certification Training in April.

Upcoming Events/Issues/Correspondence- There is a Flagger Bill of Rights at Legislature. This Bill would allow flaggers to call in vehicles for failure to yield in a work zone. TDA dues for 2022 are \$300.

Review Vouchers- No questions.

Moved by Ken Borzick and seconded by John Bennett to move into close session under WI State Statute 19.85. Motion carried. Al Gibeaut called the roll, all committee members are in attendance. Moved by Al Rosenthal and seconded by Ken Borzick to move out of closed session at 10:05 a.m. Motion carried. No vote needed.

Al Gibeaut declared the meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Brenda Petersen, Accounting Manager

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