

MARQUETTE COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Highway Department Office Building
Webex Remote Access Meeting
March 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 and Brenda Petersen.

Moved by John Bennett and seconded by Al Rosenthal to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Ken Borzick and seconded by Dave Krentz to approve the minutes from the February 15th, 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 February were \$137,364 which is 5.12% over budget for the month. The bulk of the costs were to winter maintenance and brushing. Remaining budget is \$580,285 for 2022.

County Report Review- February costs were \$150,417.01 with \$51,307 in County Maintenance with most of the costs going to brushing. Winter Maintenance costs were \$87,381. Bridge Maintenance had \$1,184 in costs and the Overlay Maintenance costs were \$10,544. Remaining budget for 2022 is 1,950.519.

Town Report Review – Townships did a total of \$160,709 in work for February with \$55,645 being labor costs. Villages and City had \$2,265 in work with \$20 in labor costs. The current year labor comparison vs the 5-year average is up 16.5%. Comparing current year to last year labor is up 31.75%. The total GTA labor percentage has been met by 45% at the end of February.

Interdepartmental Report Review- Brian reported we sold 4,009.93 gallons of fuel to other departments in February. Average cost for the year is \$2.9181 for unleaded and \$2.8672 for diesel which includes the state tax of .309 per gallon.

Labor Percentage by Job Type Report- Brian reported year to date Labor Percentage for worked performed- County work is 44.24%, State is 25.68%, Townships are 29.74% and Interdepartmental is .19%.

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.

CHIP-D/MLS- 3 temporary right-of-way easements have gone out along with 2 construction easements to utility companies. Brian has been in contact with the DNR regarding the fishing platforms. Discussion involving using the Buffalo Lake District's property as staging for the construction company.

TREDC-CLOSE project- There will be an audit at a future date because of the federal dollars used.

BIL- Bipartisan Infrastructure Legislation- Brian reported that CTH E will not meet the criteria needed to apply for the 2022 cycle of grant money. Brian would like to apply for future cycle funding on CTH E, CTH J from STH 22 to the Green Lake County Line, CTH CH from Westfield to the Waushara County Line and possibly CTH F from STH 22 to the Columbia County Line.

Town Project Review- Brian will be conducting road checks with towns in the next few weeks. Some brushing projects are being finished up.

Local Bridge Project Update- Bridge projects are coming along all near the 30% design stage. There will be an upcoming public involvement meeting for the CTH CX bridge and potentially a public involvement meeting for the 14th Road Bridge in the Town of Montello.

Inter-Departmental Operations- The department will be doing some ditching and brushing at the Fairgrounds. The midway will be pulverized and regraded due to no final design plan for the Fairgrounds as a

whole. The ditching work is expected to cost \$7,500 and the midway resurface around \$8,000 to \$10,000. Those estimates will be heard at the Property Committee Meeting tonight.

Equipment/ Property Purchase and Disposal- Brian discussed the RFPs for material bids and the rising costs in materials. Chipseal oil is up 28%, Crackseal rubber is up 14%-28%, poly culverts up 15% and steel culverts up 25%-30%. Asphalt bids are due March 25th, Brian is reporting a 20% increase in talking with other counties. Brian also reported that with rising fuel costs the department is looking at increases in the equipment rates. Moved by Ken Borzick and seconded by John Bennett to allow Brian to choose which materials will be most advantageous to the County. Motion carried.

Positions and staffing update- Brian reported that he received just one application for the Highway Superintendent and 5 applications for the Shop Manager position. Dave Krentz had questions regarding the former Lead Mechanic/Parts Manager position a brief discussion followed.

WCHA Updates- Brian will attend Commissioner Training March 22nd and 23rd in Wausau, he will commute. Work Zone Safety Week will be April 11th thru the 15th.

Upcoming Events/Issues/Correspondence- Trenching Safety April 6, Pesticide Applicator training on April 26, and MSHA virtual training for crew members in the month of May.

Review Vouchers- 2 questions from John Bennett were answered.

Al Gibeaut declared the meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

Brenda Petersen, Highway Accountant

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