

MARQUETTE COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Highway Department Office Building

Virtual and In-Person Meeting

February 20th, 2023 – Meeting Minutes

Call to order:

9:00 a.m. by Highway Committee Chair Dave Benson.

Members of the committee present:

Present: Dave Benson, Ken Borzick, John Bennett, Al Gibeaut and David Krentz. Other county officials present Brian Trebiatowski. Ron Barger and Brenda Petersen.

Review/Approve the Agenda:

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

Review/Approve the minutes from previous meeting:

Moved by Ken Borzick and seconded by Dave Krentz to approve the minutes from the January 16th, 2024, Highway Committee Meeting. Motion carried.

Citizens Input: None

Township Questions/Comments/Concerns: None

Chapter 60 Ordinance Discussion and Possible Action:

Brian reviewed the changes to the Ordinance, including the addition of the speed limit on CTH E east of Neshkoro, an adjustment to the equipment purchase language, and ATV language adding reference to Statute 23.33 and emergency closure of routes. Discussion followed. Moved by Ken Borzick and seconded by Al Gibeaut to approve the changes and forward to County Board. Motion carried.

Financial Reports:

State Financial Report Review:

RMA costs for January totaled \$152,744 which makes the department 83.32% under budget for the year, with \$762,956.01 remaining. The bulk of the costs were for winter maintenance and brushing and patrol supervision.

County Report Review:

Costs totaled \$272,781.91 in January, with \$71,718 going to County Maintenance of which most of the costs were brushing. Winter Maintenance costs for January were \$197,513 which included snow/ice removal and spraying brine. Road Construction costs were \$3,550 for an upcoming project on County Road E. Our current balance remaining is \$5,201,725.

Town Report Review:

Townships did a total of \$201,612.20 in work in January with \$61,881.24 being labor costs. Villages and City had \$6,629.43 in work with \$678 in labor costs. The current year labor comparison vs the 5-year average is down 8.35%. Comparing the current year to last year, labor is down 5.23%. When looking at seasonal work, construction is down 32.15% and the Winter Maintenance is up 26.12% compared to the previous 5-year average.

Interdepartmental Report Review:

Brian reported we sold 5,161.49 gallons of fuel to other departments in January. The average cost for the year is \$2.8813 for unleaded and \$3.2873 for diesel which includes the state tax of .309 per gallon.

Labor Percentage by Job Type Report:

Brian reported as of the end of January 2024- County work is 58.03%, State is 19.13%, Townships are 22.06% and Interdepartmental is .78%.

Approval of 2024 Transportation Development Assn Dues:

Brian reported the dues are \$300 for 2024. Moved by John Bennet and seconded by Al Gibeaut to pay the annual dues. Motion carried.

State Project Review and Update:

2024 RMA: Brian stated the North Central Region has decided to roll all Performance Based Maintenance (PBM's) into the RMA/DMA's. Brian stated this essentially removes over-recovery opportunities for counties. The region has requested Brian to provide an estimate for crackfilling on STH 73.

County Project Review and Update:

Local Bridge Project Update:

UPR has officially rejected the design of the 14th Road Bridge. Brian stated this is like the 3 in Columbia County, they are asking that the bridge span the entire RXR Row. Columbia County is approximately a year ahead of the process on 14th Rd and getting little traction in dealing with the railroad.

Causeway MLS project update:

Brian reported bidding closed last Thursday, low bid was \$71,660 underestimate. Lightweight fill was listed as an alternate item, to allow the department to use their source of material. Brian has multiple samples he will be dropping off at AET in Wausau. Brian reported that all would be cheaper than the contractors' source should they meet spec. Brian also has a sample of the contractors' source that he will drop off as well. Should the department's lowest cost option work the project will come in approximately 11% underestimate.

Engineering Contract Amendment:

Brian reported there are additional costs to update the design and bidding documents, rebidding from 2022, and construction observation which total \$22,100. Moved by Dave Benson and seconded by John Bennett to approve the additional costs of \$22,100. Motion carried.

Richards Pit Update:

Asphalt plant concrete being poured. Scale work to begin next week. Checks will be going out for components and upgrades. Brian reviewed the payment plan with the committee.

Bridge Inspections:

Brian stated that proposals have been slow to come back, stating he does have one acceptable proposal from a reputable firm but would like some competitive numbers before deciding.

New 6-20' Culvert Program:

Brian reported the DOT has rolled out a new program to address large culverts and small bridges. He reported the County will assist the Towns that request assistance in gathering information and uploading it into HSI database.

New Agricultural Road Improvement Program:

Brian informed the committee about a new DOT program limited to minor collectors and local roads. Roads must have been weight posted for at least 1 month in previous year. Webinars will be coming with more information. Tentative County Road segments are CTH A from STH 23 to CTH D and CTH Y from CTH J to Waushara County Line.

Town Project Review and Update:

Brushing projects are done in townships with the light winter.

Inter-Departmental Operations:

Lower Locks brushing is completed.

Equipment/ Property Purchase and Disposal Update:

Chassis and dump body's have been ordered, new cab to arrive for 823 at Truck Country.

Positions and Personnel Update:

2 vacancies, last application round saw 1 applicant after a month. Vacancies will be carried at this time with the mild weather.

WCHA Updates:

Brian has a regional meeting tomorrow in Merrill.

Upcoming Events/Issues/Correspondence: None

Voucher Inquiries: None

Adjourn:

Dave Benson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted-
Brenda Petersen, Highway Accountant
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