

MARQUETTE COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Highway Department Office Building

Virtual and In-Person Meeting

April 16th, 2024 – 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 Ken Borzick and seconded by Al Gibeaut to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Review/Approve the minutes from previous meeting: Moved by John Bennett and seconded by Dave Krentz to approve the minutes from the March 19th, 2024, Highway Committee Meeting. Motion carried.

Citizens Input: None

Township Questions/Comments/Concerns: None

Financial Reports:

State Financial Report Review:

RMA costs for March totaled \$49,324 which makes the department 71.08% under budget for the year, with \$650,844 remaining. The bulk of the costs were for winter maintenance, patching, brushing and patrol supervision.

County Report Review:

Costs totaled \$100,241.07 in March, with \$55,166.26 going to County Maintenance of which most of the costs were brushing. Winter Maintenance costs for March were \$27,074.42 which included snow/ice removal, cleaning equipment and spraying brine. Special Construction- Causeway Project costs were \$15,582.88. Road Construction costs were \$2,417.51 for an upcoming project on County Road E. Our current balance remaining is \$5,058,308.

Town Report Review:

Townships did a total of \$43,224.68 in work in March with \$19,321.36 being labor costs. Villages and City had \$6,512.70 in work with \$2,414.07 in labor costs. The current year labor comparison vs the 5-year average is down 30.73%. Comparing the current year to last year, labor is down 37.13%. When looking at seasonal work, construction is down 38.27% and the Winter Maintenance is down 34.02% compared to the previous 5-year average.

Interdepartmental Report Review:

Brian reported we sold 4,533.19 gallons of fuel to other departments in March. The average cost for the year is \$3.1817 for unleaded and \$3.2876 for diesel which includes the state tax of .309 per gallon.

Labor Percentage by Job Type Report:

Brian reported as of the end of March 2024- County work is 67.70%, State is 17.26%, Townships are 14.27% and Interdepartmental is .78%. Brian reminded the committee that only 31.58% of the department's labor comes out of the County budget. The remaining percentage is encompassed in the Highway Operational Fund.

State Project Review and Update:

STH 73 Crack Seal DMA is likely to begin in the next week or two.

County Project Review and Update:

Local Bridge Project Update:

No movement from the Railroad. There is an approval delay on the 14th bridge in the Town of Montello. The Dover Road bridge in the Town of Crystal Lake is progressing well and slated for replacement in 2025.

Causeway MLS project update:

Kopplin and Kinas is developing the schedule. The department will get it out to local municipalities and emergency services. The department will also post schedules on social media and utilize signs on site.

Richards Pit Update:

Brian reported the concrete and scale installation is complete. Met with Motion Industries last month to discuss some electrical delays. Brian has another conference call next Thursday.

Town Project Review and Update:

The Town of Harris has requested a grader for Memorial Day, 4th of July and Labor Day. The equipment will be operated by an employee. Moved by John Bennett and seconded by Al Gibeaut to allow the Town of Harris use of a grader. Motion carried.

Brian reported he has finished 9 Township Road checks. No more are currently scheduled. Estimates are prepared for 7 meetings tonight, which Brian is hoping to attend 4 of them.

Inter-Departmental Operations: The department is assisting Parks and Buildings and Grounds as small projects come in.

Equipment/ Property Purchase and Disposal Update: Brian informed the committee that the department is working on the 3rd and final auction of the spring. Brian is also working with chassis vendors to prepare specs and budget numbers for truck builds for the 2025 budget year.

WCHA Updates: Brian reported Commissioner Training in Green Bay went well, a lot of discussion regarding the WI DOT and their agreements with counties. Brian also stopped at Caspers Truck on the way back to discuss truck builds and to view current builds.

Upcoming Events/Issues/Correspondence: Brian has a meeting in Sheboygan next Wednesday with counties that produce asphalt.

Voucher Inquiries: None

Adjourn: Dave Benson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted-
Brenda Petersen, Highway Accountant
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