

MARQUETTE COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Highway Department Office Building

Virtual and In-Person Meeting

March 18th, 2024 – Meeting Minutes

Call to order: 9:00 a.m. by Mike Raddatz.

Members of the committee present: Present: Mike Raddatz, Dave Benson, John Bennett, Kathy Jo Locke and Lance Achterberg. Other county officials present Brian Trebiatowski. Ron Barger and Brenda Petersen.

Review/Approve the Agenda: Moved by John Bennett and seconded by Dave Benson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Review/Approve the minutes from the previous meeting: Moved by John Bennett and seconded by Dave Benson to approve the minutes from the February 18th, 2025, meeting. Motion carried.

Citizens Input: None

Township Questions/Comments/Concerns:

Discussion regarding the delay in LRIP payments from the state.

Mike Raddatz shared the Town of Mecan driveway ordinance with Brian.

Financial Reports:

State Financial Report Review:

RMA costs for February totaled \$221,581 with most of the costs towards winter maintenance. The remaining budget for 2025 is \$551,952. The county has used 39.72% of the 2025 budget for the state.

County Report Review:

Costs for February 2025 were \$887,176.92, with \$52,150 in County Maintenance of which most of the costs were patching, signing and brushing. Winter maintenance costs were \$163,746. Special County Maintenance costs were \$667,759.94, Road Construction costs were \$3,259.16 and Overlay Maintenance costs were \$262. Budget remaining for 2025 is \$2,209,904.08.

Town Report Review:

Townships had a total of \$193,968 in work in February with \$68,385 being labor costs. Villages and City had \$2,505 in work with \$293 in labor costs. The current year labor comparison vs the 5-year average is up 28.83%. Compared to last year, labor is up 86.52%. When looking at seasonal work, construction is up 73.52% and the Winter Maintenance is down 29.23% compared to the previous 5-year average.

Interdepartmental Report Review:

Brian reported that we sold 4,168 gallons of fuel to other departments in February. The average costs for February are \$2.8595 for unleaded and \$2.9076 for diesel which includes the state tax of .309 per gallon. Total gallons sold so far in 2025 are 8,311 gallons. The average price for the year is \$2.8344 for unleaded and \$2.8957 for diesel.

Labor Percentage by Job Type Report:

Brian reported as of the end of February 2025- County work is 48.16%, State is 24.16%, Townships are 27.38% and Interdepartmental is .30%. Brian reminded the committee that only 21.04% of the department's labor comes out of the County budget. The remaining percentage is encompassed in the Highway Operational Fund.

Percentage of GTA met for 2024- In February 2025 the Town of Harris and the Town of Packwaukee have already met 20%.

State Project Review and Update:

2025 DMA Roadway Repair Approval- Brian is requesting a motion to approve an additional \$130,000 DMA for crack sealing on State Highway 22 and \$35,000 for bridge cleaning. Moved by Lance Achterberg and seconded by Kathy Jo Locke to approve the 2 additional DMA's for a total of \$165,000 in revenue. Motion carried.

Salt Shed- Brian reported there were 2 bids received, and one was significantly lower than the other. He is recommending accepting the bid from O'Shea Construction in the amount of \$395,000 for state shed construction. Moved by John Bennett and seconded by Dave Benson to approve the bid of \$395,000 by O'Shea construction. Motion carried.

County Project Review and Update:

Local Bridge Project Update: No update from either Town of Montello or Town of Crystal Lake. Brian reported that Representative Dallman is now involved with the Columbia County projects based on delays due to the railroad. Those projects are 2 years farther along than the Montello project, he's hopeful that whatever agreement is reached will be reciprocal to Marquette County. Brian stated a new cycle of the Local Bridge Program is anticipated in October. Marquette County has one qualifying structure on County Road O that he is hoping to get in the program.

Causeway MLS project update: Brian reported they are finalizing platform design and incorporating ADA elements and then the platform construction will begin. Paving the Causeway will potentially be mid-May with flagging operations.

Richards Pit Update: Brian stated recycled asphalt is currently being crushed at the pit, also work is planned on a pad and retention basin for the washing process needed to finish aggregate processing of manufactured sand.

Town Project Review and Update: Brian has one completed road tour and a few more scheduled.

Inter-Departmental Operations: The department recently mowed a firebreak for Parks and Rural Planning at John Muir Park. A few projects have come up for Buildings and Grounds this spring.

Equipment/ Property Purchase and Disposal Update:

2026 Quad Axle Chassis Discussion and possible action- Brian is requesting a motion to forward a request to County Board for the borrowing of \$460,000 to be used towards the purchase of additional quad axle chassis. Moved by Lance Achterberg and seconded by John Bennett to forward the request to the County Board. Motion carried.

Personnel and Staffing Update: Currently one opening.

WCHA Updates/: Upcoming Events/Issues/Correspondence:

Paver Training March 18th in Wausau.

NC Region Meeting- March 19th in Lincoln County. Brian will attend virtually if offered.

Voucher Inquiries: A few questions were answered about the vouchers.

Adjourn: Mike Raddatz declared the meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted-
Brenda Petersen, Highway Accountant
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