

Price County Highway & Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: May 9, 2023

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Courthouse County Board Room 101; 126 Cherry St; Phillips, WI 54555

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Larry Palecek, Committee Chairperson.

Roll Call: Present: Doug Erickson, Brian Ernst, Mark Kyle, Larry Palecek, Jordan Spacek. Also present: Nick Trimner, Roger Petrick, Vance Pollitt, Alan Barkstrom

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communications: None.
2. Minutes from the April 20, 2023 meeting: Motion Erickson/Ernst to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. Salt and Sand Usage for 2022/2023 Winter: Salt and sand usage was significantly more than the prior winter season.
4. Bridge and Culvert Aid:
 - a. Town of Worcester: West Solberg Lake Road bridge over Solberg Lake at Disappearing Creek. May be an issue working with an existing boat landing. Estimated \$202,175 county share (participating municipalities). Motion Spacek/Kyle to approve the Town of Worcester Bridge and Culvert Aid application and forward to the Executive Committee for their consideration. Motion carried.
 - b. Town of Georgetown: Have not received an application.
5. Summer Construction Updates: Project costs have gone up 20%.
 - a. County Highway B: Project to start early June. American Asphalt plant will be in the area.
 - b. County Highway E: Project expected mid-June with pavement in July. There is \$1 million in LRIP funds. Easement issues were all settled.
6. Equipment
 - a. New Tractor Attachments: Mower tractor with attachment. \$56,350 plus \$14,100 for the mower. \$7,920 for box blade. Motion Kyle/Erickson to approve the purchase of a box blade for \$7,920. Motion carried.
 - b. Highway Equipment Fund: Anticipated that 2023 fund for purchases will be short \$9,500 and 2024 short \$24,500.
 - c. Large Construction Equipment Schedule: Reviewed equipment needs and what fits in the equipment fund plan and what does not.
7. Fall Road Tour: August 28.
8. Wisconsin County Highway Association: Working on pilot program to administer the LRIP program. June 5-7 Summer Road School.
9. Department Reports
 - a. Commissioner: Met with the City of Phillips and State of Wisconsin regarding the Phillips Highway 13 project. Design work is being completed. Could be done in 2024 if funds become available. Otherwise it will be 2025. State is paying 100% of the County O bridge.
 - b. Airport: Terminal remodel complete.
 - c. Dams: Water levels were extremely high with the spring thaw. Six docks and a shed went through Weimers Dam. Bids out for dam inspectors.
 - d. Highway Crew: 94 snow reports. Patching, mowing, bridge cleaning, storm damage, sweeping, sign repair, crew training. Insurance claim on damage to boats stored in the right-of-way. Offering CDL training to new operators.
 - e. Fleet and Facilities: New pickup truck. Western Star and Freightliner will be set with plow packages. Trucks converting to summer use. Joe Davis moved from operator to mechanic position. Short three operators.
10. Vouchers: Motion Erickson/Spacek to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$437,292.75. Motion carried.
11. Schedule next meeting: July 18th
12. Meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jean Gottwald, County Clerk