

## Price County Highway & Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: October 6, 2022

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. Excused: Jordan Spacek. Also present: Nick Trimner, Roger Petrick, Mike Brill

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communications: Question from Supervisor Erickson regarding funding that used to be provided to the Prentice Airport and Park Falls Airport. Item for discussion at the next Executive Committee meeting.
2. Minutes from the September 7, 2022 meeting: Motion Kyle/Erickson to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. Used forklift for shop: \$12,000 - \$16,000. Motion Ernst/Erickson to approve the purchase of a used forklift, with payment coming from the Highway Department Facilities Fund. Motion carried.
4. Old County Highway H bridge removal: Approval from the DNR for winter removal. The County will take possession of the structure once it is removed. Motion Kyle/Ernst to move forward with the removal of the Old County Highway H bridge and approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Price County, City of Phillips and Town of Worcester. Motion carried.
5. County Highway A south of State Highway 8 State Transportation Program approval: Cost to the County will be \$500,000. Project will go through the Village of Prentice. The County will only cover the costs of the travel lane. Working with the Village to coordinate. Goal is for 2027. Motion Erickson/Kyle to approve moving forward with the project and get proposals for an engineering firm. Motion carried.
6. Bridge Dedication to Ron Heikkinen: Plaque proof not received yet. Looking at 6-8 weeks for delivery.
7. Airport
  - a. Public Hearing declared open at 9:35 a.m. in the Matter of State and federal Aid for the Improvements at Price County Airport. No comments. Hearing declared closed at 9:36 a.m.
  - b. Airport Capital Improvement Plan: Reviewed six-year plan. Will need to modify year 2026 with the next approval process. Motion Kyle/Erickson to approve the Airport Capital Improvement Plan as presented. Motion carried.
  - c. Resolution – Petitioning the Secretary of Transportation for Airport Improvement Aid: Motion Ernst/Kyle to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
  - d. Update on Airport Improvement Project: Gates to be done. Anticipate total completion before winter.
  - e. Hanger Use Policy and Lease Agreement: Have not received any response from area airports regarding how they are handling similar issues of hangars being used for non-aviation purposes. Possible additional language for the lease template. Will survey hangar owners to find out their usage and future plans.
8. Wisconsin County Highway Association: October 28<sup>th</sup> Legislative Meeting. Commissioners meeting in Onalaska.
9. Department Reports
  - a. Commissioner: County M, I, O projects complete.
  - b. Airport: Nothing additional.
  - c. Dams: Overall good condition. Continue to receive complaints on low water levels, which is weather related.
  - d. Highway Crew: Prepping for winter maintenance.
  - e. Fleet and Facilities: Freightliner delivered. Truck prices have increased \$40,000. Salt shed project has stalled. Legal counsel is sending notice to vendor.
10. Vouchers: Motion Ernst/Erickson to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$773,204.52. Motion carried.
11. Schedule next meeting: November 8<sup>th</sup>.
12. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jean Gottwald, County Clerk