



MINUTES

Eau Claire County | Committee on Highway

Thursday, August 10, 2023 | 7:30 a.m.

Eau Claire County Highway Department - 5061 US Hwy 53, Room 103, Eau Claire, WI

WebEx Virtual Teleconference

Committee Members Present: Chair Steve Chilson, ~~Vice Chair Nathan Otto~~, Larry Hoekstra, Judy Gatlin, ~~Mark Beckfield, Nancy Coffey (ex-officio)~~

Staff/Others Present: Highway Commissioner Jon Johnson, Assistant Commissioner Brian Spilde, Engineer Travis Pickering, Administrative Associate III Natalie Szews, Risk Manager Sonja Leenhouts, Fiscal Supervisor Kyle Welbes, Supervisor Dane Zook, Corporation Counsel Sharon McIlquham, Finance Director Norb Kirk, Supervisor John Folstad

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Chilson at 7:30 a.m.

2. Roll Call

3. Review/Approval of Past Committee Meeting Minutes (07/13/23) – Discussion/Action

- Supervisor Gatlin made a motion to approve. Motion carried 3-0.

4. Public Comment –None

5. Road Tour Date – Discussion/Action

- Discussed potential Road Tour dates.
- Supervisor Gatlin made a motion to have the Road Tour on 09/14/23 at 9 a.m. following the Highway Committee meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

6. CTH QQ/McKinley Rd. Transportation Alternative Project (TAP) Resolution of Support – Discussion/Action

- Same project discussed in March for a new trail along McKinley Rd. from River Prairie Dr. to North Crossing (STH 312) to connect two existing trail systems. Eau Claire area was excluded from first round of grants due to population size being over 150,000.
- Estimated cost for County is \$70,000. Total cost is estimated to be \$140,000-\$150,000.
- Cost-share could change depending on funding from Township, school, and any other funding.
- City and township would be responsible for maintaining trails.
- Supervisor Hoekstra made a motion to move forward with Resolution of Support. Motion carried 3-0.

7. 2022 Financial Report – Discussion

- Kyle presented 2022 financial report – Report attached.

8. Highway Report

- **Highway Commissioner Update – Jon Johnson**

– County will be receiving about \$10 million for the CTH T Corridor project. Will be applying for another grant later this month for CTH T Corridor project.

- Finishing capital projects early this year and working on winter maintenance and prioritizing routes with operators.
- WCHA Fall Commissioner training will be hosted at the Lismore in October.
- Will need to review processes for new facility.

• **Operations Update – Brian Spilde**

- Still working on moving things into new facility and organization
- Safety training coming up.
- Doing a lot of internal standard operating procedure meetings for new facility.
- Went over current state and county projects and maintenance work.
- CTH V InQuik bridge was started last week, and the bridge is being delivered tomorrow.
- Line striping east of Fall Creek is completed except for CIPs.
- Sprayed western half of county and mowed eastern half, constantly doing urban mowing throughout summer.
- Discussed current brushing/spraying program.

• **Engineering Update – Travis Pickering**

- Continuing to work on culvert issues that have come up over the summer and have improvement plans in place.
- Attended Base One training.
- Construction is progressing on CTH V InQuik bridge. Piling install will be over the next couple days and there will be a visitor day on August 24th to see the project.
- Engineering has been working with Operations on CTH O and CTH F construction projects.
- Received bridge design proposals for CTH K and CTH VV bridges.
- Training with Advanced Drainage Systems (ADS) on August 21st on installing culverts.
- Will be working on getting PASER ratings so they are completed before the end of year and sent to the state.

9. Review of Payment Vouchers (07/14/23 to 08/04/23) – Discussion /Action

- Supervisor Gatlin made a motion to approve. Motion carried 3-0.

10. Future Meeting Dates/Times/Agenda Items

- Next meeting: Thursday, September 14 at 7:30 a.m., followed by Road Tour from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. to review one or two road projects and see CTH V InQuik bridge.

11. Adjourn at 8:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPROVED 09/14/23