

MINUTES

HIGHWAY, INFRASTRUCTURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 4, 2024
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Highway Dept., Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jake Hahn, Dave LaFontaine, John Hokamp, Lee Thao, Al Breu (WebEx)

OTHERS PRESENT: Trent Miner, County Clerk, see attached sign-in sheet

1. Chairman Hahn called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and declared a quorum present.
2. There was no public comment
3. The minutes of the December 7, 2023 meeting was reviewed. Motion by LaFontaine/Hokamp to accept them as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
4. The Highway Dept. staff report was highlighted and reviewed.
5. The Highway revenue report was reviewed. Motion by LaFontaine/Hahn to approve the revenue report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Motion by LaFontaine/Thao to approve the Highway Dept. vouchers. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Hawk updated the committee on the possible wetland mitigation site in the Town of Rock that would allow the county to possible sell some wetland credits to private entities in order to recoup the costs of the site. Further clarification on the site from the DNR and Corp of Engineers was given by Hawk. Motion by LaFontaine/Breu to direct the Highway Commissioner to negotiate the possible purchase of the site, and develop a resolution for the purchase of the property with the understanding that any profits from selling wetland credits be directed back to the Highway Dept. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Hawk presented two out of state travel requests with no levy funding being expended. Motion by LaFontaine/Thao to approve the two out of state travel requests. Motion carried unanimously.
9. The Parks & Forestry staff reports were presented.
10. The Aqua Skiers have requested permission to dredge two areas by Red Sands Beach show site in South Park. Schooley is looking at what, if any, permitting would be needed. Motion by Hokamp/Breu to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.

11. A Memorandum of Agreement was presented by Schooley on behalf of the Nepco Lake District. Motion by LaFontaine/Hokamp to approve the document as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
12. The 2024 Parks & Forestry Work Plan and yearly resolution approving the plan was reviewed. Motion by Hahn/LaFontaine to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
13. The bids for the Hay Creek trail bridge were presented. Motion by LaFontaine/Hokamp to approve the low bid received. Motion carried unanimously.
14. Schooley requested committee approval to retain any excess Parks & Forestry revenues from 2023. Motion by LaFontaine/Thao to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously. Schooley will report to the committee an exact amount after it is known.
15. Schubert presented the bids from the recent timber sale. Motion by LaFontaine/Breu to award contracts to those bids deemed most advantageous to Wood County. Motion carried unanimously.
16. Parks & Forestry revenue reports were reviewed.
17. Motion by Hokamp/Thao to approve the Parks & Forestry vouchers. Motion carried unanimously.
18. The referral from Judicial & Legislative Committee concerning Wakeboarding was reviewed by the committee. No action taken.
19. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 1, 2024 at 9:00 AM at the Highway Department Conference Room.
20. Chairman Hahn declared the meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM.

Minutes taken by Trent Miner, County Clerk, and are in draft form until approved at the next meeting.

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