

**MINUTES OF THE  
HIGHWAY, INFRASTRUCTURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**DAY & DATE:** November 3, 2016  
**TIME:** 8:00 A.M.  
**PLACE:** Wood County Courthouse, 400 Market St, Room 115,  
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

**MEETING TIME:** 8:02 AM

**ADJOURNMENT TIME:** 10:30 AM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Al Breu, Secretary Marion Hokamp, Supervisor Joseph Zurfluh, Supervisor William Winch, Supervisor David LaFontaine

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** All present.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** County Board Supervisor Dennis Polach, County Board Supervisor Bill Clendenning, Highway Commissioner Douglas Passineau, Park & Forestry Office Supervisor Sandra Green, Kevin Garrigan from Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Park & Forestry Construction Supervisor Dennis Quinzel entered the meeting at 8:40am. Grand Rapids Town Chairman Arnie Nystrom arrived at 8:50 am, and representatives from the Aqua Skiers and Melissa Reichert from the Heart of Wisconsin to discuss the Aqua Skiers Red Sands Beach schedule for 2017

1. Call meeting to order. Meeting called to order at 8:02 AM.
2. Public comments. None.
3. Approve minutes of the October 6, 2016 Highway, Infrastructure, and Recreation Committee meeting.  
**D. LaFontaine requested a correction be made to the October 6, 2016 minutes. He was excused from the meeting and he was listed as absent. Motion by D. LaFontaine, second by M. Hokamp to approve the minutes with aforementioned correction. All in favor. MC**

**HIGHWAY:**

4. Sign the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Routine Maintenance Agreement (RMA) with Kevin Garrigan from the Department of Transportation. Agreement is signed by the entire committee. County Trunk A was discussed as well.
5. Discuss and possibly act on County Bridge-Aid Resolution.  
**Motion by D. LaFontaine second by J. Zurfluh to approve this Resolution for the County Bridge-Aid. All in favor. MC**
6. Discuss and possibly act on purchase of sand and aggregates.  
**Motion by J. Zurfluh to move forward with what is most advantageous to the County. Second by D. LaFontaine to approve the sand and aggregate purchase. All in favor. MC**
7. Discuss land adjacent to Wisconsin Rapids Highway Shop.  
**Motion by M. Hokamp and second by D. LaFontaine to move the discussion of the land purchase to the Executive Committee for discussion, action and/or approval. All in favor. MC**
8. Frac Sand update. Discussed.
9. Current projects update. Discussed. No questions.

Arne Nystrom, Grand Rapids Chairman, expressed thanks to D. Passineau and his crew dollar amount as well.

10. Approve payment of bills.

**Motion by J. Zurfluh, second by D. LaFontaine to approve payment of bills. All in favor. MC**

11. Accounting Supervisor's Report.

**Motion by M. Hokamp, second by W. Winch to approve the accounting supervisor's report. All in favor. MC**

12. Correspondence. Work on 173, GG and D. was discussed.

Five minute break. 9:10 am. Resume at 9:17

#### **PARKS:**

13. Parks Construction Supervisor report.

- a. Current projects update. No questions. D. Quinzel was at South Park this morning and learned the seals on the dam slide gates are tearing out. They are going to begin raising the water on Lake Wazeecha. They are going to close two gates out of three and replace some seals as they can. D. Quinzel explained this situation in more detail.

**Motion by D. LaFontaine second by M. Hokamp to approve the report. All in favor. MC**

- b. Employee matters. None.

14. Office Supervisor report.

- a. Snowmobile/ATV Reports. No questions.

- b. Office Update. No questions.

**Motion by D. LaFontaine second by W. Winch to approve the Office Supervisor report. All in favor. MC**

15. Park and Forestry Director report.

- a. Discuss and possibly act on Aqua Skier 2017 Red Sands Beach closure request. Jason Sachs and three other individuals are in attendance from the Aqua Skiers as well as a representative from the Heart of Wisconsin. He thanks us for our help this past year with allowing the use of Red Sands Beach. He states in C. Schooley's proposal, they had initially asked for the same schedule as last year. He is asking for a good compromise with perhaps two nights a week (Sunday and Monday). The Aqua Skiers just can't hold the team practice at the river site in a safe way. The request for the Aqua Skiers to pay a pro-rated fee for use of the Red Sands Beach, and adjoining shelter area, is what they take issue with. Jason feels they would like to discuss only paying the fee to the individuals who have the shelter rented and if only they have a problem with their using the beach or that portion of the lake during the rental time. Otherwise, a rental fee to the County is not needed since they wouldn't actually be using the shelter anyway.

An e-mail was copied and handed out to the committee. This was from C. Schooley to "JT and Maggie" discussing C. Schooley's recommendation to the AS regarding the use of the beach and use and cost for the shelter.

Jason Sachs stated this is more than just about the Aqua Skiers as it involves the entire community. Melissa Reichert is here from the Heart of WI and prepared a letter that Jason Sachs handed out to everyone which outlined the amount of revenue that is brought in during the tournament.

Chairman Nystrom, a resident of the area states that many times when they are practicing, he sees people walking around the lake and stopping to watch the practice. He agrees having the AS there is a benefit to everyone. People that live on the lake always watch the practices, enjoy them and visit with their neighbors.

B. Clendenning states that he recalls C. Schooley's concern was that closing the beach and that portion of the lake at various times would drive away some people from making camping and/or shelter reservations because they are unable to use them during their stay. This is not something the county can afford.

However, it was brought up that those individuals would still have access to White Sands Beach so the closing of the actual beach shouldn't be a problem. A. Breu states we can work out a compromise with both parties and move forward from there. D. Passineau recommends the Aqua Skiers keep the river site and use both sites. Supervisor Zurfluh suggested asking C. Schooley to put together a public comment time before the December meeting. It was decided this can be resolved without this occurring and suggested C. Schooley meet with the AS team to find a compromise. The committee agrees we need to return on December 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss and act on this recommendation.

Jason Sachs states that safety is a big part of what they do. They had a risk assessor come out to the Biron site and it was determined it was not a safe place to be. The partnership moving forward between the AS and Parks is a good thing and we would like to all work together to make this happen. If it is later decided that a public meeting needs to be held it should be advertised and the Town of Grand Rapids should be notified of the meeting.

**Motion to defer for further review until the December meeting. Motion by D. LaFontaine, second by W. Winch. All in favor. MC**

Firewood worksheet in the packet was discussed. W. Winch had questions regarding the amount of the firewood included but not sold yet. He and others agreed they would like to see a continuance of an inventory. Another factor that is not in here, was this wood that could have been sold as timber sale? Steve Grant stated this was timber that was cut down on Highway X. W. Winch would like to know if it was sold as timber through a sale, what would the number in comparison. D. Quinnet will follow-up with C. Schooley on this subject.

**Motion by D. LaFontaine, second by J. Zurfluh to approve the Park and Forestry Director report. All in favor. MC**

**b. Special Use Permits**

- First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center, May 13, 2017
- Jeremiah's Crossing, August 19, 2017
- Autism Impact/Jigsaw Run, May 6 and May 16, 2017

**Motion by M. Hokamp, second by D. LaFontaine to approve the Special Use permits. All in favor. MC**

**FORESTRY:**

16. Forest Administrator report.

- a. Timber Sale Update. Steve Grant answered questions from the committee regarding the October Timber Sale Activity report.

**Motion by D. LaFontaine, second by W. Winch to approve the Forest Administrator report. All in favor. MC**

17. Approve payment of bills. Explanation of Bush appraisal service. C. Schooley will provide additional information on this voucher as to what it was for, etc. This will be brought to the committee in the near future.

**Motion by D. LaFontaine, second by J. Zurfluh to approve payment of bills. All in favor. MC**

18. Revenue report. No comments or questions. Can we put miscellaneous information on the monthly report so they know what exactly was paid during the entire year under the "Miscellaneous" column so it can be reflected month to month what it was for? S. Green will talk to C. Schooley regarding this but doesn't see this as an issue. J. Zurfluh wants to go on record to state the Capital Outlay should be reconsidered during the budget process. This is how we keep things up to date so we can avoid later costs. Removing the outlay requests to improve our parks out of the budget is a mistake and should be reconsidered.

**Motion by D. LaFontaine, second by J. Zurfluh to approve the revenue report. All in favor. MC**

Supervisor Breu would like to know what the feelings are of having the HIRC meeting at the Highway Department every month. A. Breu will discuss with D. Passineau also since he had already left the meeting. S. Green stated it may be a good decision due to the Park office moving to River Block early part of 2017 and unsure of conference room availability at that location. Once we move to River Block, would Parks and Forestry and Highway all then have to travel to the courthouse for HIRC meetings?

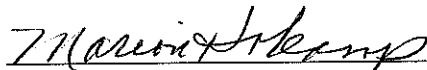
Place on agenda for next month for discussion, finalization and approval.

19. Correspondence. None.

20. Next meeting date: December 1, 2016 at the Wood County Highway Department.

21. Motion to adjourn.

**Motion by D. LaFontaine, second by W. Winch to adjourn. All in favor. MC**

  
Marion Hokamp, Secretary

Minutes taken by Sandra Green, Park & Forestry Office Supervisor