## MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAY, INFRASTRUCTURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DAY & DATE:

September 04, 2014

PLACE:

Wood County Courthouse, 400 Market St., Wisconsin

Rapids, WI 54494, Room 113

**MEETING TIME:** 

8:00 A.M.

**ADJOURNMENT TIME:** 

10:50 A.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** 

Chairman, Al Breu; Vice-Chairman, Trent Miner (part of

the meeting); Secretary, Dennis Polach; Member Marion

Hokamp, and Member William Winch

OTHERS PRESENT:

Highway Commissioner, Doug Passineau; Patrol

Superintendent, Bernie Karaliunas; Office Supervisor, Heather Gehrt; Park and Forestry Director, Chad Schooley;

Forest Administrator, Fritz Schubert; Wilderness

Sportsmen's Club Members; Don Smith and Arden Berry

1. Chairman A. Breu called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

2. Public comments: None

3. The minutes of the August 7, 12, & 19, 2014 Highway Infrastructure & Recreation Committee meetings were reviewed.

A motion was made by W. Winch and seconded by D. Polach to approve the above-mentioned minutes. Motion carried.

- 4. Implements of Husbandry Permitting Process were discussed. Most of the other Departments in our region are going with Option E and a County wide ordinance will have to be generated. The Committee would like to review this item further and requests that it is brought back at the October meeting.
- 5. Marshfield Salt Storage Shed was discussed. The estimate would be around \$350,000 to build the new shed, and the Committee would like construction estimates of the building to be brought back at the October meeting for discussion. Currently, there are no plans on the State system to build the shed, but they are willing to participate on the construction of the new shed. There have been several interested parties in purchasing the old shop in Auburndale and the sale of that could help offset the cost of the storage shed.
- 6. CTH A Bridge Work Detour was discussed and the results of the Core testing were not available yet, but expected soon and D. Passineau will update the Committee when the results are in.

- 7. Bernie Karaliunas attended this portion of the meeting to discuss the County's policy on culvert permitting. The Committee's thoughts were to leave the permitting processes as they are.
- 8. CTH E Project has been milled, pulverized, and now paved.
- 9. The 2015 Highway Budget has gone before the Executive Committee and was approved.
- 10. The Fall Conference will be held at Country Aire in Stratford on Friday, October 10. Those that are interested in attending let the Highway Department know.
- 11. Frac Sand Update. All frac sand companies at this point are now making payments.
- 12. Current Projects Update. (see attached sheet)
- 13. The monthly bill listing was reviewed.

A motion was made by M. Hokamp and seconded by D. Polach to approve the monthly bill listing. Motion carried.

14. Accounting Supervisor's report was reviewed.

A motion was made by D. Polach and seconded by W. Winch to approve the Accounting Supervisor's report. Motion carried.

15. Correspondence: None.

The Committee took a break at 9:10 AM; resuming at 9:20 AM

16. Construction Supervisor's report was reviewed. (see attached sheet)

A motion was made by T. Miner and seconded by D. Polach to approve the Construction Supervisor's report. Motion carried.

- 17. Office Supervisor's report was reviewed. (see attached sheet)
  - Snowmobile Bridge Bid Award

A motion was made by T. Miner and seconded by M. Hokamp to award the snowmobile bridge bid to the low bidder, Larson Construction. Motion carried.

A motion was made by T. Miner and seconded by D. Polach to approve the Office Supervisor's report. Motion carried.

18. Park and Forestry Director's report was reviewed. (see attached sheet)

a) Firewood Policy

A motion was made by T. Miner and seconded by W. Winch to update the Wood County Firewood Policy to state that only firewood harvested from adjoining Counties, unless a County is quarantined as ordered by the WI Department of Natural Resources and DATCP, may be brought into Wood County campgrounds. Firewood purchased by a certified firewood processor may also be brought into the campgrounds.

b) Goose Problems in Parks

A motion was made by T. Miner and seconded by D. Polach to move forward with an implementation plan on removing geese from the park Areas.

- c) Special Use Permits
  - Trap problem muskrats at South Park and Nepco.

A motion was made by W. Winch and seconded by M. Hokamp to approve the above-mentioned Special Use Permit. Motion carried.

A motion was made by T. Miner and seconded by D. Polach to approve the Park and Forestry Director's report. Motion carried.

- 19. Forest Administrator's report was reviewed. (see attached sheet)
  - a) Move to item b-shooting range discussion.
    - Don Smith and Arden Berry attended this portion of the meeting to discuss ideas for the improvement to the rifle range. After much discussion it was recommended that the height of the back berms would just need fill to beef up; side berms would need to go in between 25-50 yards and 50-100 yards shooting stations; new benches, signs stating no scavenging of lead to eliminate erosion issues, and ADA compliance.
  - b) Timber Sale Update.
  - c) Wood County Wildlife Area Lease and Discussion.
    - The State currently leases 18,483 acres of land from the County for .45 cents per acre and gets timber revenue generated from the wildlife area. Also included in lease agreement is use of sand, gravel, and other minerals at no cost to the state if used for development of the wildlife area.

A motion was made by W. Winch and seconded by T. Miner to send correspondence to the DNR requesting a meeting to review the lease agreement as mentioned in clause #9 which provides for periodic review of

the lease if requested by either party. Motion carried.

- d) Forestry Technician Position.
  - F. Schubert will bring back more information at the October meeting.

A motion was made by T. Miner and seconded by D. Polach to approve the Forest Administrator's report. Motion carried.

- 20. Correspondence:
  - Multi-Metro Deer Management recruiting process.
- 21. The monthly bill listing was reviewed.

A motion was made by M. Hokamp and seconded by W. Winch to approve the monthly bill listing. Motion carried.

22. The revenue report was reviewed.

A motion was made by D. Polach and seconded by T. Miner to approve the revenue report. Motion carried.

23. The next meeting date is October 02, 2014 at the Wood County Highway Shop.

A motion was made by T. Miner and seconded by D. Polach to adjourn at 10:50 A.M. Motion carried.

Dennis Polach, Secretary

Minutes taken by Heather Gehrt, Park & Forestry Office Supervisor