

Minutes of the
Dodge County Highway Committee Meeting
July 13, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Dodge County Highway Committee was called to order by the Chairman at 8:30 a.m. on July 13, 2017, in the upper level conference room of the Dodge County Airport.

ROLL CALL: The following members were present – Harold Johnson, Jeffrey Caine, Jeff Berres, and Ed Nelson. William Muche was absent. Commissioner Brian Field, Assistant Commissioner Peter Thompson, and County Administrator Jim Mielke were also present. Mike Hinz and Ryan Falch of MSA Professional Services, Airport Manager Mary Gasper, Town of Elba Chairman Joe Roche, Shop Superintendent John Haase, and Michael Brueggmann were present for part of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Caine and seconded by Nelson to approve the agenda as presented and allow the Chairman to go out of order as needed to efficiently conduct the meeting. Motion carried.

REVIEW MINUTES OF JUNE 29, 2017: Minutes of June 29, 2017, were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

AIRPORT FIXED BASE OPERATOR REPORT: Mary Gasper shared updates on several successful events at the airport recently. Plans are being made to host 84 registered Cessna owners for the annual Air Venture in Oshkosh.

Mike Hinz and Ryan Falch of MSA Professional Services gave an update on the runway and lighting improvement project. The runway work will be completed and open before the Air Venture event.

STAFF REPORTS AND DEPARTMENT CONCERNS: The 2018 salt contract pricing was distributed.

A Fond du Lac County citizen complaint to state legislature regarding poor roads was reviewed.

Staffing and hiring concerns were discussed.

PROJECT UPDATES: CTH AY (STH 49 – N. Co. Line) paving is complete. CTH S (STH 67 - CTH WS) is progressing. Several Village of Iron Ridge utility conflicts have caused this project to lag. The CTH T Mud Creek bridge replacement is scheduled to start soon.

CONSIDER APPEAL OF DENIAL OF TOWN OF ELBA FOR COUNTY AID ON TWO CULVERTS ON JOHNSON ROAD: Town of Elba Chairman Joe Roche explained extenuating circumstances experienced by the Town Board causing untimely submittal of their county aid bridge application. Thompson confirmed that the project did qualify for aid. Motion by Johnson and seconded by Berres to grant aid to the Town of Elba as requested. Motion carried.

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CONSIDER DRIVEWAY APPEAL ON CTH BB: Property owner Michael Brueggmann appeared before the Committee to appeal a denial to install a new field access on CTH BB. Motion by Berres and seconded by Caine to grant the appeal. Motion carried.

DISCUSS 2018 CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS AND PROJECTS BUDGET REQUEST: Shop Superintendent John Haase presented current truck fleet information and explained current shop staffing concerns. No action was taken. This topic will be considered further at a future meeting.

REVIEW COUNTY HIGHWAY MOWING POLICY: The current County Highway Right-of-Way Mowing Policy was reviewed and amended. Motion by Caine and seconded by Nelson to approve the policy as amended. Motion carried.

CONSIDER CREATING A SPEED ZONE ON CTH O IN THE TOWN OF ASHIPUN: Motion by Nelson and seconded by Berres to create a new speed zone on CTH O in the Town of Ashippun. Motion carried. A resolution will be presented to the County Board at a future meeting.

DISCUSS WIDOT DISCRETIONARY MAINTENANCE CONTRACT OPTION: Field gave an update on a recently negotiated discretionary maintenance agreement with WiDOT for pavement repairs as an area-wide service provider.

REVIEW VOUCHER PAYMENTS: Vouchers payment registers were reviewed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: The following items will be added to an upcoming meeting agenda: Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan and 2018 capital purchasing and projects.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: The next Committee meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. on June 27, 2017, in the Juneau office.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Harold J. Johnson – Chairman

Jeffrey Caine – Secretary

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