Minutes of the
Dodge County Highway Committee Meeting
December 5, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Dodge County Highway Committee was called to order by the Chairman at 8:30 a.m. on December 5, 2014, in the Dodge County Highway building.

ROLL CALL: The following members were present – Harold Johnson, Chester Caine, Randy Grebel, Jeff Berres, and William Muche. Commissioner Brian Field, Assistant Commissioner Peter Thompson, and County Board Chairman Russell Kottke were also present. County Administrator Jim Mielke, Corporation Counsel John F. Corey, Quirin Klink and Mark Graczykowski from MSA, and Tom Boguszewski and Michele Howe of AEComm were present for part of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Grebel and seconded by Muche 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 OCTOBER 31, 2014: Minutes of October 31, 2014, were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Tom Boguszewski and Michele Howe of AEComm stated that AECom is interested in any future engineering work the County might be contracting for.

STAFF REPORTS AND DEPARTMENT CONCERNS: Caine reported Altine Hessebeck is of the opinion that the County should bear some responsibility for damage to her barn on CTH S in the Town of Calamus.

Field reported that the Utility II/Truck Driver position has been reclassified from Labor Grade 3 to Labor Grade 4 by the Human Resources Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Grebel reported that he attended the recent bridge opening ceremony in Horicon.

PROJECT UPDATES: A crew has been developing and grading a drainage way adjacent to CTH C and should finish soon.

Crews are starting tree and brush removals and calibrating all spreaders.

STH 26 (Watertown – STH 16/60) will switch to the winter phase traffic pattern today as part of the ongoing 4-lane construction project.

DESIGN UPDATE ON CTH S IN IRON RIDGE: Quirin Klink of MSA gave an update on the CTH S (STH 67 – CTH WS) reconstruction project in Iron Ridge. Lack of state funding and railroad negotiations continue to stagnate this project.

UPDATE ON AIRPORT PROJECTS: Mark Graczykowski of MSA reported that the tie down improvement project has been completed at the airport as well as several lighting system improvements. The aviation fuel system will be reviewed and options discussed.

STATUS UPDATES FOR MISCELLANEOUS PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS: John Corey reported that the Village of Reeseville is processing a rezoning request necessary for the Highway Commission to purchase the adjoining lot from the Village.

A rezoning application has been submitted to the City of Juneau to request rezoning of an adjoining parcel adjacent to Highway Commission property allowing the County to purchase this parcel.

CONSIDER MARKETING OPTIONS FOR THE COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF FOX LAKE: Motion by Berres and seconded by Muche to advertise the sale of four vacant residential lots in the City of Fox Lake to be sold by sealed bid. Motion carried.

DISCUSS WINTER HIGHWAY CONFERENCE: The Committee reviewed and submitted conference registration information.

DISCUSS BRIDGE INSPECTION PROGRAM OPTIONS: Thompson proposed managing a private contract for the inspection of all city, town, and village bridge inspections in Dodge County. No action was taken. Department staff will gather estimated cost information and put this item on a future agenda for further discussion.

CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR FACILITY DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES: No action was taken on this item.

DISCUSS THE PROPOSED FEDERAL CLEAN WATER ACT BILL: A memo from Dan Fedderly, WCHA Director, stating that NACO is actively representing all counties' interests related to the definition of waters of the United States was read.

REVIEW SPEED LIMIT ON CTH M: Motion by Grebel and seconded by Berres to modify the speed limit on CTH M (CTH MM – Waupun) as recommended by Thompson. Motion carried. A resolution will be presented to the County Board for consideration.

REVIEW QUOTATIONS AND CONSIDER RESOLUTION FOR PURCHASE OF THREE TRI-AXLE TRUCK CHASSIS: Motion by Muche and seconded by Grebel to authorize the purchase of three Mack tri-axle chassis from Madison Truck Sales (Madison Mack) for $351,000.00. Motion carried. A resolution will be presented to the County Board for consideration.

VOUCHER PAYMENT REVIEW: Vouchers payment registers were reviewed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: The following items will be added to an upcoming meeting agenda: real estate transaction updates, satellite shop design contract considerations, snow and ice budget update, and bridge inspection program options.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: The next Committee meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. on December 18, 2014, in the Juneau office.

FIELD REVIEW: The Committee field reviewed the following projects: There was no field review.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Harold J. Johnson – Chairman

Randy Grebel – Secretary

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