

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: November 4, 2013

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Ken Robl, Highway Committee Chairman
Tom Egan, Highway Committee Member
Tim Hamblin, Highway Committee Member
Robert Warnke, Highway Committee Member
Ernie Winters, Highway Commissioner

EXCUSED: Dave Albrecht, Highway Committee Member

ALSO

PRESENT: John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robl at 9:00 A.M. A motion was made by Supervisor Egan, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2013 meeting as written. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Robl asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to address any agenda item at this time. There was no public input.

Commissioner Winters distributed a summary of a proposed non-metallic mining bill. Mr. Winters stated that if the bill passed as drafted it would have a significant impact on government entities regarding the repair and protection of their roads. The author of the draft admitted that the bill is worded too strongly and stated that he'll rework the language. Commissioner Winters stated that no action is necessary at this time but after the bill is re-tooled it may be addressed again at a future meeting.

Commissioner Winters reported that he signed and returned the Routine Maintenance Agreement with the WisDOT. He stated that the County will receive an increase of \$300,000-\$400,000 of maintenance funding over last year's allowance from the DOT, but that it comes with ties to the Performance Based Maintenance project concept. Mr. Winters stated that the project details are still unknown but may change the way counties have worked with the DOT for the last 80 years. Commissioner Winters reminded the committee that he's on the oversight committee and will keep the Highway Committee informed.

Commissioner Winters distributed a handout regarding choosing a consulting firm to perform the design work for replacing three culverts on CTH N. The Commissioner asked the committee members for their input on how they'd like to handle the interview process to select a firm. The committee instructed Commissioner Winters to invite three firms to a future meeting where they'll interview and score them. John Fink asked if the committee is able to perform that process or if it had to be done by the Purchasing Department. Commissioner Winters stated that he will contact the Purchasing Department to verify the process.

The 2014 Winter Highway Conference was discussed. Commissioner Winters distributed informational packets to the committee for the January 13-15 conference at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

General Operations:

- Before the WisDOT completes planning for the STH 441 corridor changes, staff from the Highway Department will meet with them to discuss CTH P drainage issues. It's hoped that when the DOT designs ponds for the STH 441 project that they will consider over sizing them allowing excess water from CTH P to drain into them.
- Commissioner Winters distributed copies of the current issue of the "Crossroads" newsletter to the committee members.

- Mr. Winters reported that the Highway Department is getting ready for the upcoming winter. He stated salt has been delivered and the trucks are being prepared. He stated that the department is currently finishing up some mowing and small paving jobs.
- Supervisor Warnke asked if the Highway Department will be a part of the upcoming project for the Parks Department. Mr. Winters stated that the Highway Department will be doing a large part of the project for the Parks Department next spring, including paving and possibly some drainage work. Mr. Winters stated he appreciates the opportunity to work with the Parks Department.
- Supervisor Hamblin asked if the Highway Department will be participating in using alternative fuels in any vehicles. Mr. Winters stated that currently the department has one truck running on CNG (compressed natural gas) and the department is working with the Sheriff's Department to set up a fueling location for either natural gas or propane.
- Commissioner Winters thanked the committee members for their support on the 2014 budget.

The next regular meeting of the Highway Committee will be held on November 18, 2013.

A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Egan to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary