

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: May 31, 2022

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: David Albrecht, Highway Committee Chairman  
Tom Egan, Highway Committee Member  
Chuck Farrey, Highway Committee Member  
Ralph Harrison, Highway Committee Member  
Donald Nussbaum, Highway Committee Member  
Robert Doemel, Highway Commissioner

Chairman Albrecht called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A motion was made by Supervisor Egan, seconded by Supervisor Farrey to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2022 meeting as written. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Albrecht asked for input from the public on the agenda items. There was none.

Future Highway Committee Meetings were discussed. The committee members discussed their schedules and agreed that continuing to hold the meetings monthly on the third Monday at 9:00 a.m. works for all of them. A motion was made by Supervisor Egan, seconded by Supervisor Farrey to hold future Highway Committee meetings on the third Monday of each month at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Doemel stated that at the previous committee meeting a property owner living along CTH E was present to discuss the drainage issue along CTH E near Clairville Road. Mr. Doemel stated that this area has had complaints and drainage issues on both sides of the road. It was determined that most likely when the Town of Algoma Sanitary District was created a spring may have been hit on the south side of the road. The Highway Department has tried to remedy the issue by replacing some culvert pipes and spraying cattails last fall. Commissioner Doemel stated that the department will do what it can, but most likely this will need to be a storm sewer project at some time. Supervisor Egan questioned why the Town of Algoma isn't doing something to correct the problem.

Commissioner Doemel provided an update on the CTH CB/JJ Roundabout project. He stated that Vinton Construction was the low bidder. They informed him that even though they are having trouble getting the steel for the dowel baskets and pipe, they will start the project and save the paving until the end. The project is anticipated to be completed by the third week of September. Commissioner Doemel will be attending a pre-construction meeting for more details.

Commissioner Doemel updated the committee on the CTH T/Future CTH T/Pioneer Road projects. There is a pre-construction meeting scheduled for later today. Eight contractors pre-qualified, only one submitted a bid. Radtke Construction was awarded the project. The DNR has some wetland permitting to do. Commissioner Doemel stated that he will reiterate the importance of adhering to timelines to the contractor. After they complete the construction portion of the project, Highway Department crews will place the rock and do the paving.

The vacating of a remnant parcel along CTH "P" in the City of Menasha was discussed. Commissioner Doemel stated that the quit claim deed was done previously on this parcel, but it was never followed through to complete the vacating. Corporation Counsel is currently working on the resolution. After discussion, a motion was made by Supervisor Nussbaum, seconded by Chairman Albrecht to approve vacating a remnant parcel along CTH "P" in the City of Menasha. Motion carried 5-0. Supervisor Farrey suggested in the future these parcels should be sold to recoup the costs. Commissioner Doemel informed the committee that the property owner pays for all costs for this process, including the survey. It will also bring the property back on the tax roll.

Commissioner Doemel informed the committee that he has been working to establish a policy regarding night pay when the crews work on the interstate/state highways during evening hours. Working at night is considered safer, as less traffic is present. The previous policy only provided a \$2/hour shift differential, and only during certain hours. This was a payroll nightmare. It became hard to find volunteers to work nights when crews have family at home, and it was not advantageous to them. Since this work is only performed on the state highway system, all costs will be fully reimbursed by the state. After discussion, a motion was made by Supervisor Nussbaum to approve a \$6.00 per hour incentive for night pay. The motion was seconded by Chairman Albrecht and carried 5-0. This item will be presented to the full county board.

Commissioner Doemel stated that the WisDOT offered Winnebago County another trailer mounted attenuator. This comes at an opportune time since one of our units was totaled in an accident while being used by Outagamie County. This will be fully funded by the WisDOT. A motion was made by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Egan to accept the trailer mounted attenuator from the WisDOT. Motion carried 5-0.

The following were reported as general operations:

- One of the Superintendents is retiring. His last day is this week Thursday. His replacement started today and will be focusing his time on town projects. The Engineering Technician/Bridge Supervisor position was also filled. The new employee starts tomorrow. This fills Commissioner Doemel's former vacant position. Commissioner Doemel anticipates both new employees will be a good fit for the department.
- The department started paving last week in several towns. There will be various paver patching done prior to chip sealing starting next week.
- The Oregon Street Bridge in Oshkosh is closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. During a routine inspection, it was determined that one of the gears to lift the span was worn, making opening unsafe. Currently one leaf is in the open position to allow boat traffic. The WisDOT is looking for options for repairing the bridge.

The next regular meeting of the Highway Committee will be held on Monday, June 20, 2022.

A motion was made by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Egan to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer  
Administrative Associate