

COMMITTEE APPROVED

Present: Karl Fisher, Roger Gierke, Arian Knops, Jerry Biller.

Absent: Jim Platteter.

Also Present: Scott Emch, Nanci Mertes, Bob Stout.

Call Meeting to Order.

Chair Karl Fisher called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes – March 20, 2017.

A Knops/Gierke motion to approve the minutes of March 20, 2017. Motion Carried.

Public Comment.

None

Approve Costs for Adding Metallic Paint to Truck Box Setup for New Tri-axles, 022TX and 031TX, at a Cost of \$1500.00 each.

The Highway Commissioner requested Monroe Truck add a metallic coat of paint to the truck boxes. This item was not part of the original approved bid specs. Cost for the metallic coat of paint on the truck boxes was \$1500.00 each box.

A Knops/Gierke motion to approve the cost for the added metallic paint coat to the new Tri-Axle Trucks. Motion Carried.

Driveway Variance for Dave and Julie Meisegeier on CTH "E".

The Highway Committee reviewed pictures showing the location where Meisegeier has requested approval to install a new driveway entrance onto his property along CTH "E". Meisegeier currently has 3 other entrances onto his land from CTH "E". Installation of this driveway access would result in a violation of County policy; driveways have to be at least 300 feet apart.

Discussion followed.

A Gierke/Knops motion to deny the driveway variance request from Dave and Julie Meisegeier unless Meisegeier would abandon the current driveway access at the curve of CTH "E". Motion Carried.

Building Renovation Project/Barrientos Presentation.

Norman Barrientos presented an update to the Highway Committee on the building renovation plans and updated costs.

Approval for Equipment purchases: Top Con – Digital Ski for Paver, Quad-Axle Dump Truck, 80 foot Belt Conveyor.

The Highway Commissioner distributed a report of current equipment needs. Discussion followed.

Topcon Digital Ski - \$13,000.00

Quad Axle Dump Truck - \$160,000.00

Belt Conveyor - \$50,000.00 to \$90,000.00 (A portion of this would be taken from the Gravel Pit Cost Pool)

A Biller/Gierke motion to purchase a new 80 foot Belt Conveyor with costs not to exceed \$90,000.00. Motion Carried.

A Biller/Gierke motion to purchase a Topcon Digital Ski and 1 Quad Axle Dump Truck. Motion Carried.

Josie Creek Wood Bridge.

The Highway Commissioner would like to build a wood covered bridge at the entrance of Josie Creek Park. The existing bridge is a metal truss and is due for replacement. The bridge replacement is eligible to run through the Federal Bridge Grant program at a cost of approximately \$400,000.00 with the County responsible for 10% and the Town responsible 10%

of this total, however, adding the wood bridge portion (wood cover) would add an extra approximately \$175,000.00 and this \$175,000.00 would be the County's responsibility. No Motion was made at this time.

CTH "I" – request from Jason Rafko, Dick Moore, and Jerry Carow to install a handicapped fishing pier from ROW along CTH "I".

Jason Rafko requested this item be postponed to the May meeting when he can attend the meeting.

A Knops motion to not approve the installation of a handicapped fishing pier from ROW along CTH "I". Motion dies for lack of a second.

2017 Summer Road School in Wisconsin Dells on June 5, 6, 7.

Attending: Scott Emch and Karl Fisher.

A Knops/Biller motion to approve Scott Emch and Karl Fisher attending the 2017 Summer Road School in Wisconsin Dells. Motion Carried.

Attendance by 2 employees at the Monroe Truck Open House in Monroe, Wisconsin on May 3 and 4.

A Biller/Knops motion to approve sending 2 employees to the Monroe Truck Open House in Monroe, Wisconsin on May 3 and 4. Motion Carried.

CLOSED SESSION announced by Chair.

Review applications for Seasonal Highway Summer Help and Seasonal Truck Driver positions. *For considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. WI Stats 19.85 (1)(c)*

Closed Session is canceled by consensus of Committee; a closed session to review applications is not necessary for the above positions as this can be done by the Highway Commissioner.

CLOSED SESSION announced by Chair.

Operations Manager Position.

For considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. WI Stats 19.85. (1)(c).

A Biller/Knops motion to go into closed session. Roll Call - Voting Yes: Fisher, Biller, Knops, Gierke. Voting No - None. Motion Carried.

Closed Session – 9:34 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

A Gierke/Knops motion to return to open session. Motion Carried.

Open Session – 10:12 a.m.

HIGHWAY SAFETY REPORT

The Highway Crews recently completed a Load Safety Procurement course.

HIGHWAY FINANCIAL REPORT.

This report includes the current status of Highway Cash, Payables, Receivables, Equipment/Blacktop Plant funds and current Year-to-Date Fund Statement.

HIGHWAY OFFICE REPORT.

This report includes the status of worker compensation claims, liability insurance, office personnel activity, crew updates, retirements, unemployment claims and number of Highway FMLA requests.

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE- ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

Approve payment of bills.

A Knops/Gierke motion to approve the Highway Payables and the Highway Crew and Administration payrolls as presented. Motion Carried.

Set date for next highway committee meeting.

The next regular Highway Committee meeting is set for May 15, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. at the Rusk County Highway Department.

Motion to adjourn.

A Gierke/Knops motion to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Nanci A. Mertes, Asst to Highway Commissioner/Financial Administrator
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