

NOT COMMITTEE APPROVED

Present: Jerry Biller, Lyle Lieffring, Ken Pedersen, Mike Hraban, Robert Stout

Absent: None.

Also Present: Scott Emch, Nanci Mertes, Don Mansky, Dave Wierzba, John VanDoorn, Tom Boguszewski P.E., Beth Nemec P.E., Chuck Nichols, Dan Gustafson P.E., Jacob Friberg P.E.

Call Meeting to Order.

Highway Chair Jerry Biller called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes – April 16, 2018.

A Stout/Lieffring motion to approve the minutes of May 21, 2018. Motion Carried.

Public Comment.

Dave Wierzba from MSA Professional Services reported to the Committee that Lyle Lieffring won \$150.00 towards a charity of the Committee's choice. The Committee chose the charity Women of Courage. Wierzba reported he would have a check from MSA made out to Women of Courage for \$150.00.

John VanDoorn expressed his continued request that CTH "I" be built to a standard that would eliminate seasonal weight limits on a one mile stretch where he farms. Chair Biller requested this be placed on next month's agenda.

Don Mansky expressed his concerns about the railroad not signing properly on highways when they are working on crossings.

Appearance by Thomas Valley – damage to vehicle while in construction zone (CTH "D")

On 10/16/2017 Thomas Valley was driving on CTH "D" in Rusk County in an active construction zone when he hit an indentation in the road which caused damage to his vehicle. A claim was filed for Mr. Valley. Aegis Corporation, insurance company for the County, denied the claim stating it was a properly signed construction zone. The Committee reviewed correspondence from Aegis to Mr. Valley. Mr. Valley disagrees with the decision made by Aegis and is requesting the Highway Committee do the right thing today and pay him for the damages to his car.

A Lieffring/Stout motion to affirm the Aegis Insurance Company decision to deny. Motion Carried.

AECOM presentation.

Thomas Boguszewski P.E. and Beth Nemec P.E. from AECOM did a presentation on services offered by AECOM and reviewed bridge projects that AECOM has done for Rusk County.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING – Deertail Bridge at CTH "B"

Jacob Friberg P.E. and Dan Gustafson P.E. from Cooper Engineering Company reviewed the construction plans for the bridge replacement on CTH "B" in the Town of True over Deertail Creek.

Rusk County Highway Department, in conjunction with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, is planning to replace the Deer Tail Creek Bridge at CTH B (West). Proposed improvements include replacing the deck, abutments, and wingwalls of the bridge. The new single-span deck will be 6 feet wider for final dimensions of 30-foot clear roadway width by 44.5-foot long deck. No beam guard will be added. Rip rap will be placed in front of the abutments along the banks of the creek. The roadway approach to the bridge will be improved with asphalt for approximately 125 feet on both sides of the bridge. The project is scheduled to go out for public bids in November 2019 with construction scheduled to begin in 2020. During construction, this section of CTH B at the Deer Tail Creek Bridge will be closed to traffic. No detour route will be posted. Construction is expected to last 2 months and will be completed in 2020.

Appearance by representative(s) for the Rusk Riders ATV Club – request to cross the Highway 8 Bridge over the Chippewa River.

Rusk Riders ATV Club did not have anyone in attendance today. The Committee reviewed State Statute 23.33(3)(b) *“A person may operate an all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle on the roadway or shoulder of any highway to cross a bridge that is 1,000 feet in length or less if the operation is in compliance with a county ordinance adopted under sub. (11) (am) 3. that applies to that bridge and a city, village, or town ordinance adopted under sub. (11) (am) e. that applies to that bridge.”*

Driveway Variance Request – Rick Luebke CTH “G”.

Rick Luebke requested permission to install a second driveway to his property located on CTH “G” in the Town of Grant. Placement of the proposed driveway would result in the driveway being less than 300 feet from the existing driveway. The existing policy for driveways states that driveways must be at least 300 feet apart.

A Stout/Lieffring motion to approve the driveway variance for safety reasons. Motion Carried.

Junior Fair – Material Donation.

The Commissioner explained that the Highway Department can back haul clay material from the Highway Departments Village of Hawkins gravel pit with the clay being donated to the fairgrounds and any other costs for the back haul, such as equipment and labor, can be charged to the Highway Department budget line for special funds allocated for department work. Estimated amount to be charged to the special fund for department work is \$450.00 to \$500.00.

A Hraban/Stout motion to approve donating clay material to the County Fairgrounds with equipment and labor charged to the Highway Department budget line for special funds for department work performed by the Highway Department. Motion Carried.

HIGHWAY SAFETY REPORT

The new summer employees have completed all their safety training along with the new CDL truck driver summer employee completing an 8 hour refresher for MSHA.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER REPORT

The Highway Commissioner reviewed status of equipment and updated the Committee on 2018 Highway maintenance activity and County Highway and Town Highway projects.

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 workers compensation claims, liability insurance, office personnel activity, crew updates, retirements, unemployment claims and number of Highway FMLA requests.

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE- ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mike Hraban asked that the proposed wheel tax law be placed on the next agenda.

Approve payment of bills.

A Hraban/Stout 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 July 16, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. at the Rusk County Highway Department.

Motion to adjourn.

A Hraban/Pedersen motion to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Nanci Mertes, Highway Financial Administrator and distributed on June 19, 2018