

**NOT COMMITTEE APPROVED**

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Scott Emch, Nanci Mertes, Randy Anderson, Larry Quinn, Don Mansky, Monte Klund, Randy Bronstad, Randy Anderson, Jon Van Doorn, Jerry Bush, Bob Grunseth, Jerilea Hendrick.

Call Meeting to Order.

**Highway Vice-Chair Robert Stout called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.**

Approval of Minutes – April 16, 2018.

**A Lieftring/Hraban motion to approve the minutes of June 18, 2018. Motion Carried.**

Public Comment.

Bob Grunseth, spokesperson for the local ATV Club addressed the Committee regarding approval from the County for ATV use over the Highway 8 Bridge into and out of the Village of Bruce. This item will be placed on the August 20<sup>th</sup> agenda.

Don Mansky discussed the CTH "I" project and the County Blacktop Plant usage.

8:00 a.m. – Appearance by Randy Anderson from CORRE, Inc.

Randy Anderson discussed the services provided by CORRE, Inc.

CTH "I" – Weight Limits.

The Highway Commissioner reported that he reviewed state statute 83.03 - Local Levy Donations and had also spoken to Corporate Council, Rich Summerfield about this statute. Summerfield explained that he doesn't know of any case law regarding this statute being used for the purpose of citizens donating funds to the County for the County to perform specific construction work to specific areas of a county highway. Chair Biller explained that CTH "I" is currently being built to a higher standard and should be completed by the end of the summer. No decision on this topic was made at this time.

Review Pros and Cons of Implementing a Wheel Tax in Rusk County.

Mike Hraban explained that there are eight or nine counties in Wisconsin that currently impose a wheel tax and that a \$30.00 wheel tax is the highest amount imposed that he has seen. This amounts to approximately 2.50 per month per vehicle. Hraban also explained that Eau Claire County is reviewing possible implementation of a wheel tax for their county highways and it's reported that the City of Eau Claire has now asked that they receive a portion of the wheel tax distribution for city streets also. Hraban reported that the current County "borrowed" bond money used for highway construction will be gone by the end of 2019 and the County will have to levy again for construction of highways in order to keep them from deteriorating.

**A Lieftring/Hraban motion to postpone this item until the August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion Carried.**

Resolution "Just Fix It".

The Wisconsin County Association is urging member counties to consider passing a resolution supporting legislation to promote sustainable Highways and Road maintenance in Wisconsin. The "Just Fix It" resolution is related to long-term sustainable transportation funding for the Segregated Transportation Fund and for all of the programs it supports.

**A Pedersen/Lieftring motion to approve the "Just Fix It" resolution. Motion Carried.**

USDA (United States Dept. of Agriculture) 2019 Costs for Beaver Removal.

The USDA contract (for beaver removal) cost for 2019 will be \$7877.00 for the year which is an increase of \$897.00 from 2018 contract cost.

**A Liefkring/Stout motion to approve the 2019 contract for Beaver removal from USDA for \$7877.00. Motion Carried.**

Authorization to Sell the Following Equipment: #269 Shoulder Machine Attachment, #141 Concrete Chop Saw, #130 Concrete Chop Saw.

**A Stout/Pedersen motion to authorize the sale of #269 Shoulder Machine, #141 Concrete Chop Saw, and #130 Concrete Chip Saw. Motion Carried.**

HIGHWAY SAFETY REPORT

The Highway Commissioner discussed Truck #31 roll-over accident.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER REPORT

The Commissioner reported the following: the Town of Dewey project is complete, projects currently being prepared for blacktop are CTH "I" and the Town of Hawkins, the new Grader will be delivered within the next two weeks. There was committee discussion regarding ditching work that was recently done on the CTH "I" project, summer interns weed whacking on state highways, and material crushing performed by Golat and Engel.

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

None.

Approve payment of bills.

**A Stout/Hraban 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 August 20, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. at the Rusk County Highway Department.**

Motion to adjourn.

**A Liefkring/Hraban motion to adjourn. Motion Carried.**

Meeting Adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Nanci Mertes, Highway Financial Administrator and distributed on July 16, 2018