

RUSK COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 15, 2024

8:00 A.M.

Highway Committee Present: Biller, Kalepp, Hraban, Meyer and Stout.

Employees Present: E. VanDoorn, C. Meyer, A. Gudis, S. Nyhus and Commissioner Jones.

Others Present: D. Mansky and E. Webster.

CALL TO ORDER – Call to order by Chair Biller at 8:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Hraban to approve the March 18, 2024 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: - No Comment

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Update on Blacktop Hot Patcher purchase – Blacktop Hot Patcher delivery date is set for June.

Update on high/low speed Snow Plow quote/request to purchase – The Commissioner is requesting to purchase 2 high speed plows for \$11,084.53 per plow.

Motion by Hraban, seconded by Kalepp to approve the purchase of 2 high speed plows for \$11,084.53 per plow from Universal Truck out of the Highway Equipment Budget. Motion carried.

Truck Cross Conveyor Spreader quotes/request to purchase

A request to purchase Rear Cross Conveyor (Monroe - \$12,393.00 and Universal - \$11,229.00) that mounts on the back of the truck for shouldering purposes.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Kalepp to approve the purchase of 2 Rear Cross Conveyor from Monroe for \$12,393.00 per conveyor from the Equipment Fund if it meets all the specs for the bidding process. Motion carried.

Open bids for Crushing

Primary Crushed Gravel 3-5” as follows – 15 ton:

- Golat and Engel – \$2.32 for \$34,800.00.
- Hass - \$2.70 per ton \$40,500.00.

½ inch Asphalt aggregate as follows:

- Haas \$6.00 per ton \$180,000.00.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Kalepp to approve Golat and Engel for Primary Crushed Gravel 3-5” from the Gravel Inventory Budget. Motion carried.

Motion by Kalepp, seconded by Stout to reject the bids for ½ inch Asphalt aggregate. Motion carried.

Authorization to run ads for Crushing

The Commissioner is requesting to run ads for crushing recycled blacktop.

Motion by Kalepp, seconded by Meyer to approve the ads for crushing for recycled blacktop finished project by October 1, 2024 from the Gravel Inventory Budget. Motion carried.

Update on Lawn Mowing at County Shop and Weyerhaeuser

The County Shop lawn will be mowed by Maintenance and the Weyerhaeuser location will be mowed by Forestry.

PPE allowance for Highway employees

The Commissioner is requesting an additional allowance for PPE for the Highway employees. The Committee is requesting to bring the request back to the May Highway meeting with additional information for uniforms.

Equipment Ratings & Equipment needs

An equipment list was given to the Committee with rating 1-5, 1 being the poorest. Discussion held.

Open Mechanic positions

The Commissioner gave a report on the application for the Open Mechanic positions. Discussion on the pay rate for the Mechanic position and that a CDL is required.

Update on 2024 Construction Projects

Commissioner Jones gave an update on the 2024 Construction Project for County P (LRIP), County I (LRIP), Rut paving, culvert replacing, ADF Building parking lot, crack sealing and overlay on County J for the County. The Committee is requesting to bring back mileage and tons to approve bond funds for all 2024 projects.

Out of County travel – No out of County travel.

Summer Help LTE - The Commissioner is requesting to hire 2 LTE or summer help for 2024.

Motion by Stout, seconded by Hraban to approve 2 LTE Highway 1 worker positions for 2024 for the Highway Department.

Motion carried.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER REPORT: Commission Jones gave a report on the Blacktop Plant, bridges, culverts, equipment and upcoming road projects.

HIGHWAY SAFETY REPORT: April 11, 2024 Safety minutes were presented to the committee.

HIGHWAY FINANCIAL REPORT: E. VanDoorn gave a financial report

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Bob Stout and Mike Hraban were thanked for being on the Highway Committee and years of service.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF HIGHWAY INVOICES

Motion by Kalepp, seconded by Hraban to approve the April Highway Invoices as presented. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be May 20, 2024 in the LEC at 8:00 a.m.

ADJOURN - *Motion by Meyer, seconded by Kalepp adjourn at 11:09 a.m. Motion carried.*