

Date: October 21, 2014
Highway Committee Meeting
Location: Highway Office
Time: 9:00 AM

Meeting called to order by Chairman Aasen at 9:00 am.

Open meeting law requirements have been met.

Members present: Chairman John Aasen, Mike Nelson, Doug Winters, Curt Skoyen, Ernest Vold, and Commissioner Lyga.

Members absent: None

Other persons attending: B & B Sand Reps (Tim Barth, Perry, Bert & Bruce Hoesley, Paul Coburn, Tom Kloss, Dick Miller, Richard Frey, Richard Lettner, Tim Zeglin, Ken Farley, Gerald Hawkenson)

Minutes of September 9, 2014 meeting were presented as drafted. Motion to accept by Curt Skoyen. Seconded by Doug Winters. Motion Carried.

Motion to accept agenda by Mike Nelson, second by Doug Winters. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

AUDIT

Approval of vouchers approved by audit committee – Vouchers #790 for \$19.47. Vouchers #791 ~ #814 for \$347,456.23. Motion to pay by Ernest Vold second by Mike Nelson.

Motion carried.

Vouchers #816 thru #820 were audited in the amount of \$15,948.76. Voucher #815 for \$15,642.59. Vouchers #821~#878 for \$281,265.54. Vouchers #879~#882 for \$435.86.

Vouchers #883~#906 for \$355,769.19. Vouchers #887, #907~#909 for \$71,526.79.

Motion to pay by Curt Skoyen. Seconded Mike Nelson. Motion Carried.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS DISCUSSION

Salt Sheds need some paving done around the exterior of buildings. Hope to complete this fall or may ask for extension from state because of the amount of work the department needs to complete before winter.

The Whitehall Shop roof has been inspected and passed.

HIGHWAY VIEWING and MAINTENANCE DISCUSSION

DNR was contemplating requiring the county highway departments to pick up deer kills along the roadways. County has no disposal site. The decision was made by the DNR to continue a contract with a private party to complete deer pick up.

Richard Lettner explained the Stop Sign situation at the intersection of County “F” and Whistle Pass Road. There is currently three Stop Signs at the intersection. One of the signs on County “F” is a “Right Turn No Stop”. Mr. Lettner recommended removing one of the Stop Signs on County “F” and remove the Stop Sign at the end of Whistle Pass Road. Commissioner Lyga explained the State Mandates in regards to signage at intersections of a town road and a County road. There was some discussion about the need to reconstruct this intersection in the near future. Some of the reconstruction would need to occur on Mr.

Lettner's property, he was OK with the work. The committee suggested that Commissioner Lyga make the Stop sign on Whistle Pass Road a "Right Turn No Stop". The bridge on County "F" was re-rated recently. The bridge was listed as Failure Critical. This bridge is in the Federal Program for replacement in 2016. To allow the bridge to remain open, the County needs to remove the current asphalt, cover bridge with 3" of rock then only 2" of asphalt. By doing this work, it reduced the load weight of the bridge itself. The Towns of Arcadia and Burnside have placed signs stating "No Thru Trucks" on some of their town roads. This prevents the county trucks from using these roads as well. Some of the work being done by the county is taking longer and more trucks hours because of the routes they are being forced to use to avoid the "No Thru Trucks" town roads. The committee reviewed the Winter Road Maintenance Guidelines. Ernest Vold made the motion to adopt the Winter Maintenance Guidelines. Seconded by Curt Skoyen. Motion Carried.

The \$392,000 Centerline Painting Contract the department has with the state should be completed the week of October 26, 2014.

The Highway Department has paved 2 1/2 Miles of County "W" and 2 1/2 Miles of County "Y". County "D" is milled, culverts installed. Need to widen and pave yet this fall. County "D" south of Whitehall is ready for paving. When this project is completed, the county paved nearly 7 miles of county roads.

Commissioner Lyga explained the new Bridge Audit that was done. The Audit reviewed the inspections and record keeping. After completion, eight bridges were de-rated to limit of 10 Tons. Two bridges were completely Closed. Joe's Coulee and a bridge on River Road.

Curt Skoyen made the motion to advertise for 50,000 Tons of 1/2" plant rock and crack filling material. Mike Nelson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

EQUIPMENT DISCUSSION/VIEWING/PURCHASE

The distributor truck that was rolled has been deemed a Complete Loss by the insurance company. This piece of equipment has total replacement insurance on it. Tom Kloss is attempting to get a quote to replace this Cab-over truck. An estimate Mr. Kloss received for a conventional cab chassis was \$140,200. Tom Kloss felt to be more efficient, the county should replace this distributor truck with a 24' spray bar and a 3,500 gallon tank. The county would need to pay any extra expense from what the smaller unit would have cost to replace. Mr. Kloss does not feel a Cab-over chassis is necessary. John Aasen made the motion to advertise for bids to purchase a distributor truck with 24' spray bar and 3,500 gallon tank. Motion was seconded by Doug Winters. Motion Carried.

The Conveyor/Stacker that was approved at the September meeting has been purchased. The cost was \$15,642.00.

The Willis Insurance Company recommended that the Highway Department purchase a Hi-Lift for safety of the county employees. Tom Kloss advised the committee that an unit with 18" tires that can be used outdoors as well as indoors would be advantageous for the county. The estimated cost for a good, used Hi-Lift is \$10,000 to \$15,000. Ernest Vold made the motion for the county to pursue the purchase of an used Hi-Lift. Mike Nelson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Tom Kloss presented the 2015 Equipment Replacement Plan. Mr Kloss explained that the current Water Truck is a 1993 and needs to be replaced. Mr. Kloss has been researching the possibility of purchasing a used chassis. The estimated cost for a used chassis with new tanks is \$75,000. Doug Winters made the motion to search for a different water truck chassis. Seconded by Mike Nelson. Motion Carried.

For safety on the interstate, new brighter LED Arrow Boards need to be purchased. The cost to purchase these LED Boards is approximately \$5,500 each. Ernest Vold made the motion to advertise for the cost of two Arrow Boards. Doug Winters seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Tom Kloss informed the committee the need to upgrade the broom truck. New broom trucks have an all vacuum system with larger, 8 to 10 ton capacity.

After discussing replacement trucks, the committee asked Tom Kloss to write up the specifications for two tri-axle trucks to advertise for and possibly purchase in 2015.

The wait time on new trucks and to have equipment installed can be up to a year.

PERSONNEL DISCUSSION

Ernest Vold made the motion to send up to six employees for the CASE Training for operators and mechanics on December 3 and 4, 2014. Doug Winters seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

The employee who held the Tire Man Position will be retiring on October 31, 2014. No one posted for position in house. Five people have been interviewed. After backgrounds checks have been completed, an offer will be made to an applicant.

Commissioner Lyga asked the committee to consider the Highway Department work hours be changed to work straight eight hour days, Monday through Friday. Curt Skoyen made the motion to change the Highway Department Work Hours to Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 3:00 pm, with two ten minute breaks with No ½ hour lunch break. Doug Winters seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Ernest Vold made the motion to send the office staff to the Bookkeepers meeting on November 6, 2014 in Rice Lake. Mike Nelson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Lyga informed the committee of the status of the current employees. One employee returned to work with some limitations.

One employee had surgery and hopes to return by first week of November.

One employee had surgery and will be off until end of year.

One employee will have surgery around first of year and then off for three to four months.

APPEARANCES

Rian Radtke appeared to discuss current road agreements being negotiated.

Rian Radtke began by addressing the B & B Sands Agreements. The agreement has been submitted back to the B & B Sand's attorney with no response back as of yet. Mr. Radtke recommended to Not Accept the road agreement with B & B Sands. Commissioner Lyga is also against this agreement. Tim Barth asked to address the committee. Mr. Barth stated his company was offering a \$500,000 bond plus \$1.00 per ton paid quarterly. Doug Winters made the motion to table any decision. No second to motion. No action taken on this motion. The committee, Mr. Radtke, Commissioner Lyga, and representatives from the B & B Sands discussed this road agreement in great detail. Some comparisons were made in regards to other agreements and an existing temporary agreement the county has in place with a different sand mine company. John Aasen made the motion to give B & B Sands a temporary agreement so they can be allowed to begin work. John Aasen amended his motion to state that the following changes to the temporary agreement need to be completed before agreement will be signed. (See some of the changes on next page).

Motion was seconded by Curt Skoyen. Rian Radtke again told the committee he is against this Temporary Agreement.

Motion Carried.

Some of the changes presented are as follows (these may not be all the changes, Mr. Radtke will review the presented temporary agreement when it is received from B & B Sand's attorney):

Tim Barth stated the Paragraph stating that the County was required to keep road open can be completely struck out of agreement

Mr. Barth stated that the \$1.00 per Ton Quarterly payment can be used on County G and County J as the department feels necessary.

2a; Change wording of attributal costs

2b; \$1.00 per Ton of sand hauled from or to mine site. \$500,000 bond shall be required to be maintained during the entire agreement

3c; Strike out entire paragraph except for May close road for public safety

4a; Request amendment to C.U.P.

5; Strike out that county needs to have road remain open during maintenance activities

Page 4: Strike out temporary Hauling Route and Strike out last sentence

This temporary agreement has a one year sunset for the mine to operate under. If County approves use of Uniform Road Agreement, this agreement becomes null and void.

These are only some of the noted changes, the changes must be in writing and approved by Rian Radtke.

Motion passed with 4 "Yes" and 1 "No" vote. Motion Carried.

Mr. Radtke informed Mr. Barth that the bond must be in place before any hauling can begin. After the temporary agreement was approved, Mr. Radtke felt it was not necessary to present the information on the agreements with Kraemer Company and 10K. Chairman Aasen left the meeting at 12:50 pm. Vice-Chair, Mike Nelson took over to Chair the meeting at 12:50 pm.

Commissioner Lyga presented the Bridge Petitions to the committee. Curt Skoyen made the motion to approve the Bridge Petitions. Doug Winters seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Information was presented in regards to the 2015 Budget.

The next Committee meeting will be held on Friday, November 14, 2014. The meeting will be held at the Highway Office at 9:00 am.

Curt Skoyen made the motion to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Doug Winters. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Haines
Recording Secretary
Trempealeau County Hwy Dept