

Date: March 9, 2010
Highway Committee Meeting
Location: Highway office
Time: 9:00 AM

Meeting called to order by Chairman Kiekhoefer at 9:10 am.
Open meeting law requirements have been met.
Members present: Chrm. Richard Kiekhoefer, Ernest Vold, Douglas Winters, Wally Geske, Donald Kloss and Commissioner Johnson.
Members absent: None
Other person's attending: Dave Lyga, Shop Superintendent, during Truck and Equipment Bids discussion

Minutes of February 9, 2010 meeting were presented as drafted. Motion to accept by Ernest Vold. Seconded by Doug Winters. Motion Carried.

Motion to accept agenda by Doug Winters, second by Donald Kloss. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Voucher #100 through #169 were audited in the amount of \$215,087.69. Motion to pay by Ernest Vold. Seconded by Donald Kloss. Motion Carried.

Approval of vouchers approved by audit committee – Vouchers #94 to #99 for \$6,744.69. Motion to pay by Doug Winters second by Wally Geske. Motion Carried.

BUILDINGS and GROUNDS DISCUSSION

Employees will remove the partition in the Salt shed in Strum to allow for more salt storage for state use.

HIGHWAY VIEWING and MAINTENANCE

County J Project Funding will be discussed in detail later in meeting.
Commissioner Johnson informed the committee about situations when the painting crew needs to purchase fuel when working for the state. The committee advised Commissioner Johnson to obtain information about getting a Gas credit card to use in this situation.
The committee discussed the use of certain roads for ATV usage as requested by the Central ATV Pioneers Club. Ernest Vold made the motion to allow the club to use the designated portions of certain county roads. Donald Kloss seconded the motion.
Motion passed with the 3-2 vote.

EQUIPMENT DISCUSSION/VIEWING/PURCHASE

Representatives from the bidding companies gave a brief presentation on the chassis and equipment they quoted. The committee reviewed all the quotes and asked question about the equipment and chassis.

Doug Winters made the motion to purchase the single axle chassis from LaCrosse Truck Center Mack, Inc. for \$98,765.28 This truck met all specifications. Seconded by Ernest Vold. Motion Carried.

Wally Geske made the motion to purchase the tandem truck chassis from River States Truck & Trailer for \$51,195.00. Seconded by Ernest Vold. Motion Carried.

Donald Kloss made the motion to purchase the Asphalt body and accessories from Universal Highway Products for \$42,568.00. Kloss based his motion on past experience and trying to keep purchases within the county whenever possible. Wally Geske seconded the motion. Motion Carried with Chairman Kiekhoefer abstaining from the vote.

Doug Winters made the motion to purchase one box, plow, wing, underbody and accessories at the cost of \$70,497.00 from Universal Highway Products. This bid met all specifications. Ernest Vold seconded the motion. Motion carried with Chairman Kiekhoefer abstaining from the vote.

PERSONNEL DISCUSSION

Commissioner Johnson informed the committee that there is one employee off with a Work Comp. injury. One employee is on medical leave but plans to return on Monday, March 15, 2010. Two employees have given their notice of retirement. The retirement date for both employees is April 1, 2010.

Ernest Vold made the motion to allow Commissioner Johnson to post in-house for the two positions that will be vacated due to retirements. Commissioner Johnson also has the right to post for all subsequent positions during the in-house posting process. Seconded by Doug Winters. Motion Carried.

APPEARANCES: Company representatives during bid information process.

NEW BUSINESS

The Committee reviewed the Bridge Inspection Quotes. Ernest Vold made the motion to accept the bid from Ayres and Associates for \$10,545.00 to do the inspection on the 185 bridges in the county. Donald Kloss seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Ernest Vold made the motion to accept the CTH J Project Funding Resolution for review. Seconded by Doug Winters. Motion Carried.

After reviewing the resolution, Wally Geske made the motion to amend the presented resolution to state, "county will pay \$600,000 only, NO Interest will be paid."

Motion was seconded by Doug Winters. Motion Carried.

Donald Kloss made a motion to add a second amendment to the resolution. The payment schedule should be \$200,000. 00 as the first installment with the \$400,000.00 balance being divided over the next six years with NO interest being paid. Seconded by Wally Geske. Motion Carried.

Doug Winters made the motion to approve the CTH J Project Funding Resolution with the two amendments being added to the resolution. Wally Geske Seconded the motion.

A Roll Call Vote was taken with all members voting in favor of the Resolution with the amendments added.

Commissioner Johnson explained to the committee about the agreement we have had in the past with Waldera Farms to purchase sand. Donald Kloss made the motion to accept the 5 Year agreement to purchase sand with Waldera Farms. Doug Winters seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Ernest Vold made the motion to accept the 2 Traffic Maintenance Agreements for the total of \$14,531.00. Seconded by Doug Winters. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Johnson informed the committee that he received a letter in regards to the WCHA Representatives terms in office. The officer terms will be only one year for each office.

Committee reviewed the Highway Funds Balance Sheet.

Next audit meeting will be held on April 13, 2010 at 9:00 am at the Highway Office in Whitehall.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:25 pm by Chairman Kiekhoefer.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Ernest Vold, Secretary
Trempealeau County Highway Department**

