

Green County Highway Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 12, 2021

The Green County Highway Committee met at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 12, 2021 at the Green County Highway Department located at 2813 6th Street, Monroe, Wisconsin and via Zoom. Members present were: Chairman Harvey Mandel, Vice-Chairman Russ Torkelson, Secretary Jeff Williams, Kristi Leonard and Mark Gundlach. Others present were Commissioner Chris Narveson, Jami Thomm, Eric Wild, James Wyss and John Schumacher.

Chairman Harvey Mandel called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

The agenda was accepted as submitted.

A motion to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2021 meeting was made by Russ Torkelson and seconded by Kristi Leonard. The motion carried.

The Committee audited bills. A motion was made by Kristi Leonard and seconded by Russ Torkelson to approve the bills for the amount of \$192,721.76 for the month of March. The motion carried.

General Superintendent Eric Wild provided updates to the Committee.

Commissioner Chris Narveson advised the Committee of recent internal department changes. John Schumacher has accepted the Patrol Superintendent position, Brandon Schumacher has accepted the Sign Shop position. The Engineer Technician position will not be filled at this time.

Patrol Superintendent John Schumacher provided updates to the Committee.

Shop Foreman James Wyss reported on equipment updates and ongoing prepping equipment for summer usage.

The Committee discussed the pricing received on pulverizing for summer projects. A motion was made by Kristi Leonard and seconded by Mark Gundlach to accept the lowest bidder, Payne & Dolan, Inc. The motion carried.

Commissioner Chris Narveson advised the Committee of possible road salt price increase for 2021-2022. A motion was made by Kristi Leonard to negotiate the contract with Compass Minerals America and seconded by Jeff Williams. The motion carried.

The Committee reviewed and discussion was held on extending the 45 mph speed limit on CTH P east. A motion was made by Jeff Williams and seconded by Mark Gundlach to approve the speed limit reduction. The motion carried.

Discussion was held on purchasing a new ice maker for the crew. A motion was made by Russ Torkelson and seconded by Jeff Williams. The motion carried.

The Committee reviewed a request from the Monticello PTO to use sections of CTH EE on July 10, 2021. A motion was made by Russ Torkelson to approve the request and seconded by Kristi Leonard. The motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding a request received from the Town of Decatur advising of the Insurance Company's recommendation to have the County insure all for the shared Brodhead shop building and the Town reimburse the County for their portion. A motion was made by Kristi Leonard to approve the recommendation and seconded by Jeff Williams. The motion carried.

Discussion was held on the request for a temporary bike route on CTH CC. A motion was made by Russ Torkelson to deny the request and seconded by Mark Gundlach. The motion carried.

The Committee reviewed a driveway variance request from Peter Bigler on CTH D in the Town of Exeter. The driveway location has adequate sight distance but is closer than 500' to the nearest driveway. A motion was made by Kristi Leonard and seconded by Mark Gundlach to approve the request. The motion carried.

Discussion was held on Iowa County Highway Department to perform the center line and edge line painting in 2021. A motion was made by Russ Torkelson to approve Iowa County Highway Department and seconded by Jeff Williams. The motion carried.

Highway Commissioner Chris Narveson provided information on the following items:

- a. Advised the Committee of the recent meeting with Norman Barrientos at Barrientos Design & Consulting. A needs study was conducted at that time. Chris will meet with Norman again before presenting further information to the Committee.
- b. A request was made to the Committee to allow Brandon Hendrickson to bank comp time. No objections were made by the Committee.
- c. UTV/ATV trail update – Corporate Counsel is currently drafting an ordinance.

Chairman Harvey Mandel stated the purpose for closed session: that purpose being; considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility pursuant to Wisconsin State § 19.85(1)(c). Specifically, discussion regarding Laborer.

A motion was made by Mark Gundlach and seconded by Kristi Leonard to enter into closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Jeff Williams and seconded by Mark Gundlach to reconvene into open session. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Kristi Leonard to approve reclassification for Rudy Ammon from Laborer to Semi-Skilled and to back pay promotion to March 1 and seconded by Jeff Williams. The motion carried.

There was no guest visitor.

The next scheduled meeting date is May 10, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned to attend Local Government Day.

Jeff Williams
Secretary