

MINUTES
HIGHWAY, INFRASTRUCTURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, November 7, 2024
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Highway Dept., Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jake Hahn, Scott Brehm, Lee Thao, Al Breu, John Hokamp

OTHERS PRESENT: Rachel Krause, Highway Program Assistant, see attached sign-in sheet

1. Chairman Hahn called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and declared a quorum present.
2. Public Comment – Andy Wolf concerned about the use of brine in the fall because of its corrosive nature. He is requesting an alternative that is less corrosive. Hawk spoke to the use of brine on bridge decks for safety as these surfaces frost earlier. Committee requests that notification to the public go out before treatments are going to occur.
3. Correspondence – Hawk presented a letter drafted to the Town of Grand Rapids explaining their share of the expenses related to the trail legs of the roundabout at CTH W and the extension of the trail to connect to an existing trail.
4. The minutes of the October 3, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Breu/Thao to accept them as presented. Motion carried unanimously
5. ATV referendum did not pass in the City of Wisconsin Rapids. Hawk will communicate with city officials to see what options are available for connecting to CTH Z. Hay Creek ATV bridge is almost complete.
6. Highway Staff reports were reviewed.
7. Highway revenue report was reviewed
8. Motion to approve Highway vouchers by Hokamp/Brehm. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Hawk has been working with property owners for the CTH BB realignment and a final alignment has been agreed upon. Dairy has purchased property for Highway right of way. This alignment eliminates removing the house. Hawk is now waiting for State approval for the new CTH BB access to USH 10.
10. Hawk has savings from other project of about \$139,000 that can be allocated to CTH AA culvert failure. Ho Chunk has a bridge funding program the Hawk will apply for but plan has to be complete. Total project costs could be around a million and if funding can be secured there is a chance it could be built in 2025.

11. Hawk shared CTH A plan sheets. The plan is to keep the new design as close to the original profile as possible. A grant will be submitted in 2025. This will remain a CTH with a focus on a design speed of 55mph.
12. Motion to approve Mastic and Crack Filler quotes most advantageous to the county by Breu/Hokamp. Motion carried unanimously.
13. Parks and Forestry staff reports were reviewed.
14. No special use permits at this time.
15. Schooley presented a biological treatment which involves a wasp that is predatory of the Emerald Ash Borer. Informational sheet was shared about this biological treatment. Volunteer has been working to chemically treat the ash trees. It is experimental at this time. If the committee approved this option Powers Bluff would go on a list for treatment. Currently being used in State natural areas. More information will be gathered and brought forward at a future meeting.
16. PIT committee approved Schooley to negotiate the CERA Park lease and MOU. Schooley has been consulting with corporation council and will bring a draft to next month meeting.
17. ARPA committee requested a list of items from Parks that could be potential for allocating ARPA funds should any need allocation. Schooley shared a list shared with the ARPA committee.
18. Fritz received a request from Bill Hatch of Cranberry Creek Cranberries to clean out a drainage ditch in the County Forest. In the past the cranberry grower provides the labor and machinery. In the past County agreeable as long as all permits are obtained and county compensated for timber that is removed, in past this timber has been used for fire wood in the parks. Motion to approve Bill Hatch to clean the proposed ditches by Hahn/Breu. Motion carried unanimously.
19. WCWAAC minutes were reviewed.
20. 2025 budget. If CERA park lease were to go through the budget will have to be adjusted.
21. Parks & Forestry revenue reports were reviewed
22. Motion to approve Parks & Forestry vouchers by Hokamp/Thao. Motion carried unanimously.
23. Department head evaluations will be conducted at next regular meeting.

24. WCHA winter road school January 13-January 15, 2025 at the Chula Vista in the Wisconsin Dells. Anyone wanting to attend let Roland know.

25. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 5, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Highway Department Conference Room.

26. Chairman Hahn declared the meeting adjourned at 10:29.

Minutes taken by Rachel Krause, Highway Department Program Assistant, and are in draft form until approved at the next meeting.

**Highway Infrastructure & Recreation Committee
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NAME	REPRESENTING
DENNIS PORACI	WCB-14
AL BREV	WCB #6
Bill Clendinning	WCB 15
CHAD SCHOOLEN	PEF
Roland Hawk	WCH
Andy Wolf	Public
Lance Fume	WCD
Fritz Schubert	WCP&F
MIKE SMITH	Town of Grand Rapids
Ed Newton (Club Ex)	
Tammy (Club Ex)	
JOSEPH M. LURELUM	CRAN CREEK CRANBERRY WCPD