

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MINUTES
February 13, 2024

The Manitowoc County Highway Committee convened into an open session at the Manitowoc County Highway Department Conference Meeting Room, 3500 STH 310, Manitowoc, Wisconsin at 4:00 P.M. on this 13th day of February 2024.

Supervisor Behnke called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Supervisors Behnke, Engelbrecht, Maresh, and Vogt

Excused: Supervisor Gerroll

Also Present: Commissioner Greg Grotegut, County Executive Bob Ziegelbauer, Corporation Counsel Peter Conrad

Approval of Minutes: Supervisor Engelbrecht made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Vogt to approve the minutes from the December 12th, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

Regular Business:

(Public Comment): None

Sunshine Trust-Driveway Access-Refer to Corporation Counsel

Supervisor Chair Behnke explained to the highway committee an update on the refusal of Sunshine Trust to remove the previously denied driveway access.

Supervisor Engelbrecht made a motion to refer Sunshine Trust to Corporation Counsel for legal action, seconded by Supervisor Vogt. Motion carried.

No further discussion.

CTH R – Approval for LRIP SMA 19195 and LRIP SMA 17818

Commissioner Grotegut explained to the committee the Vinton Construction was the low and only bidder from the previous CTH R bid opening. Grotegut shared the preconstruction meeting is scheduled for February 29th and tentative start date is March 11th. Brief discussion took place.

Supervisor Maresh made a motion to approve the Vinton Construction as low bidder on CTH “R” LRIP SMA 19195 and LRIP SMA 17818 funding, seconded by Supervisor Engelbrecht. Motion carried.

Update – 2023 County and State Year-End Budget

Commissioner Grotegut provided an overview of the final budget numbers for 2023, County Executive Ziegelbauer provided highway fund balance information as well. Discussion included the county costs involved during county roads snow removal for a major snow event, and the extra projects there were completed in 2023, while still under budget. Brief discussion took place.

Update- 2024 Items for Bid

Commissioner Grotegut provided the committee with the recent publicized bids for asphalt, milling, pulverizing for our 2024 project season. The bid opening is set for March 4 at our highway department conference room.

Update- 6’–20’ Bridge Inventory

Commissioner Grotegut updated the committee on the recent bridge inventory that is required by the WisDOT for all county/town/village/city structures in our county. Grotegut explained the process for this bridge inventory and inspection project. Grotegut also explained, Gary Mueller our Certified Bridge Inspector has a good start on our system already and will help our Towns and Villages, if requested for the inventory portion of this project. Brief discussion took place.

Update – DOT High Capacity Brine Maker-Future Brine Facility-Sand Salt Storage

Commissioner Grotegut updated the committee on the current brine maker and the future plans for a high capacity brine maker with funding from the state. Grotegut also added the department has a future need to add a separate brine facility to include storage for sand and other material. The committee asked Grotegut to bring an estimate and project details to the committee for a future discussion. Brief discussion on salt brine and the benefits to using it versus using only salt.

Update – DOT STH 310 Project

Commissioner Grotegut provided the committee on a WisDOT recent update on the STH 310 project from Columbus St. to CTH P was bumped up from 2025 to now be completed in 2024. No further discussion.

Update – Refueling Readiness Grant

Commissioner Grotegut updated the committee on the application for a Refueling Readiness Grant he applied for, which would be used for a future transfer switch at the St. Nazianz Shop. Brief discussion took place.

Overtime Report

The Committee reviewed the Overtime Reports. Commissioner Grotegut updated the committee on our overtime report status versus last year at this time, which included the huge blizzard last month. Brief discussion took place.

Vouchers

The Committee reviewed the vouchers dated December 5th, 2023 through January 30th, 2024. Supervisor Vogt made a motion to approve the vouchers, seconded by Supervisor Engelbrecht. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date

March 19th, 2024 - prior to the County Board Meeting

Adjournment

Supervisor Engelbrecht made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Maresh. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Submitted by:
Gregory M. Grotegut
Highway Commissioner