

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 12, 2024

The Manitowoc County Highway Committee convened into an open session at The Manitowoc County Highway Department, Conference Room, 3500 STH 310, Manitowoc, Wisconsin at 4:00 P.M. on this 12th day of November 2024.

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

Roll Call: Supervisors Kevin Behnke, Jim Brey, Lee Engelbrecht, Susie Maresh and Matthew Phipps

Excused: N/A

Also Present: Commissioner Greg Grotegut, County Executive Bob Ziegelbauer

Approval of Minutes: Supervisor Engelbrecht made a motion, seconded by Supervisor M. Phipps to approve the minutes from the September 10th, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

Regular Business:

(Public Comment): N/A

Broadwind Sublease Approval

Commissioner Grotegut updated the committee on the sublease agreement between Broadwind Heavy Fabrication, Inc and Practorian Renewables, LLC. to scrap out towers on the counties land.

Motion made by Supervisor Brey to approve the sublease terms with Broadwind/Practorian Renewables, LLC, seconded by Supervisor M. Phipps. Motion carried.

Brief discussion took place.

State RMA Approval-DMA Update

Commissioner Grotegut gave an overview of the WisDOT RMA (Routine Maintenance Agreement) for 2025 which is the same amount as the current year. Grotegut updated the committee also on the 2025 projected DMA from the state for our Manitowoc County highways. Brief discussion took place.

Motion made by Supervisor Engelbrecht to approve the WisDOT RMA and DMA for 2025, seconded by Supervisor Maresh. Motion carried.

Bridge Update

Commissioner Grotegut updated the committee regarding the bridge inventory that was recently completed by our county engineering technician. Grotegut also updated the committee on the sufficiency rating of 4 potential county bridges that will be part of the 2025 program cycle. Grotegut mentioned the Old Bridge Road which is owned by the railroad, but lies within the Town of Cato. The Town of Cato will be responsible for the cost of the inspection performed by an outside engineering firm moving forward.

Brief discussion to place.

Traffic and Safety Update

Supervisor Grotegut provided the committee with information of the recommendation from Traffic and Safety on intersection at CTH P and CTH R. Grotegut recommended to add red reflective tape to the stop sign, as the previous sign had this type of reflective tape as well.

Motion made by Supervisor Brey to move forward with the recommendation from Traffic and Safety on a reflector to be added to the stop sign at the intersection of CTH P and CTH R, seconded by Supervisor Maresh. Motion carried.

Winter/Brine Facility Update

Commissioner Grotegut updated the committee on current status of plow trucks ready for winter plowing/salting along with the cost per ton on our salt pricing for this winter season. Grotegut also spoke about the state request for documenting cost of cleanup on the brine machines on a regular basis. Grotegut also discussed some counties using solar salt for brine production. Motion made by Supervisor Engelbrecht to approve the signing of the DMA and memorandum from the state on the winter/brine facility funding, seconded by Supervisor Maresh. Motion carried.

Brief discussion took place.

Safety Day/Operation Hours Update

Commissioner Grotegut updated the committee on our departments recent Safety Day/Winter Rodeo. Grotegut updated the committee on our current eight hour day schedule. Grotegut provided the committee on personnel updates and possible future work day scheduling changes. Brief discussion took place.

WCHA Winter Conference Update

Commissioner Grotegut provided the Highway Committee members with the dates January 13-15, 2025 for the upcoming WCHA Winter Highway Conference along with a draft agenda. Brief discussion took place.

Overtime Report

The Committee reviewed the Overtime Reports. No further discussion.

Vouchers

The Committee reviewed the vouchers dated September 10th, 2024 through October 29th, 2024.

Supervisor Maresh made a motion to approve the vouchers, seconded by Supervisor Brey. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date

December 10th, 2024

Adjournment

Supervisor Maresh made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Brey. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Submitted by:

Gregory M. Grotegut

Highway Commissioner