

MINUTES OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Held Wednesday, July 8, 2026

Location: Manitowoc County Public Health Building, 1028 South 9th St, Manitowoc

Present: Supervisors D. Weiss, D. Zimmer, D. Klein, K. Sitkiewitz, B. Busse

Absent & Excused:

Other County Board Members Present: M. Phipps, J. Lillibridge, S. Schiesl, C. Dallas

Staff Attending: C. Breit, J. Benzinger, J. Reisenbuechler, A. Yindra

Called to Order The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Committee Chairman Sitkiewitz.

Minutes Minutes were reviewed from the June 10, 2026 Committee meeting after which a motion was made by Weiss, seconded by Zimmer to approve the Public Works Committee meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Donation Tracker There were six donations from Expo fair sponsors. There were volunteer program hours recorded for the recycling center which were compensated with vouchers. The motion was made by Weiss, seconded by Klein to approve the donations. Motion carried unanimously.

Ethics Code Reports None

Public Comment Committee Chairman Sitkiewitz called for public comment. Expo-Ice Center Board Member, Tonya Dvorak and Market Animal Committee member, Rick Krueger presented the potential Lesters Building Project. No one else present wished to speak.

SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING DIVISION – Discussion and possible action on the following items:

Recycling and Solid Waste Programs

Operations Manager Jon Reisenbuechler reported on the recycling markets and the handouts included in the Public Works Committee packet. He reported that overall, recycling markets are depressed. However, sorted residual papers and OCC prices are trending high.

Clean Sweep Update

Operations Manager Jon Reisenbuechler reported on the Clean Sweep event held in May. He reported that there were improvements made from last year's event, one of them being the partnership with Brown County. In addition, there were changes made to the traffic layout to reduce traffic on HWY 310. Reisenbuechler reported that the event turnout was less than last year.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS DIVISION – Discussion and Possible Action on the Following Items:

2026 Capital Projects

Public Works Director Craig Breit reported on the 2026 Capital Projects included in the Committee packet. Discussion.

Focus on Energy Rebate – LED Retrofits

Breit reported on a rebate check received from FOE.

Pay Request(s) for Capital Projects

No report

EXPO / ICE CENTER DIVISION – Discussion and Possible Action on the Following Items:

Report on Activities

Breit reported on the calendar of events for July.

Report on 2026 Manitowoc County Fair

Breit reported on the increase in donations coming in from new sponsorships.

2026 Capital Projects Update

Breit reported on the 2026 Capital Projects included in the Committee packet. The epoxy floor project in the restrooms, hallway and kitchen areas has been completed.

Lesters Building Project

Expo-Ice Center Board member Tonya Dvorak and Market Animal Committee member Rick Krueger presented a proposal to the Public Works Committee to partner with the Market Animal Committee for the Lesters Building Project. Discussion. No motion was made.

Fairest of the Fair Proclamation

Included in the Committee packet was a draft of the annual proclamation honoring the current year's Fairest of the Fair. Discussion. Motion made by Klein, seconded by Busse to support the proclamation and forward it to the County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendation to the County Executive for Expo-Ice Center Board Vacant Seat

Breit reported the Expo-Ice Center Board has unanimously recommended the appointment of Sandra Leschke to the vacant position on the Expo-Ice Center Board. A motion was made by Zimmer, seconded by Sitkiewitz to recommend that the County Executive appoints Sandra Leschke to the Expo-Ice Center Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance Director's Expo Special Revenue Fund Report

Breit reported on the Expo Special Revenue Fund provided in the committee packet.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT – Discussion and Possible Action on the Following Items:**Operations/ 2026 Capital Projects – Update**

Breit reported on 2026 Capital Projects which included the Axon project, which is approximately a month to completion. He also gave an update on the County Fair access points being installed.

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION – Discussion and Possible Action on the Following Items:**Report on Activities and 2026 Capital projects**

Breit reported that the new Expo audio upgrade is almost complete. WISPIN radio system clean-up is still in progress.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Zimmer, seconded by Klein to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by Yindra

Signed by Sitkiewitz