

**MINUTES OF THE BAYFIELD COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2005 – 3:30 PM  
MEETING WAS HELD AT THE NAMAKAGON TOWN HALL**

Meeting was called to order at 3:40 by Jim Beeksma, Committee Chairman. Present: John Blahnik; Jim Beeksma, Chairman; William Kacvinsky; Mark Abeles-Allison, County Administrator; Dale Brevak, Highway Commissioner; Keith Larson, Patrol Superintendent, Recorder.

Absent: David Good and Neil Paulson. Guests: LTC John Kunkele, Corps of Engineers; Roland Hamborg, Corps of Engineers; Dave Pantzlaff, Ayers and Associates.

1. Motion made by Kacvinsky seconded by Blahnik to approve the agenda. Carried.
2. Motion made by Blahnik, seconded by Kacvinsky to accept the Highway Committee minutes of October 12, 2005. Motion carried.
3. Motion was made by Kacvinsky, seconded by Blahnik to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.
4. Update on progress of new Forestry building. Brevak reported no activity on this project. Abeles-Allison stated that Forestry Committee is working on permits to present to the City Planning Commission.

**New Business**

1. LTC Kunkele and Mr. Hamborg from the Corps of Engineers were present. Brevak gave brief history of the Anderson Island Bridge. He told everyone that a new bridge is going to replace the present culvert. He briefed on Federal US Army Corps of Engineers funds and to sign an agreement with \$210,000 funding from Corps of Engineers, Federal discretionary money will be about \$310,000, the balance would be funded from Bayfield County. A local citizen inquired about Property Owners Association being notified of the project. Mr. Hamborg from the Corps of Engineers said later on in the process property owners will be involved. He stated the environmental study will be conducted and approved before the project begins. Dave Pantzlaff, Ayers Associates spokesman, talked about their portion of the project. At this time the Corps of Engineers and Bayfield Highway Committee signed four copies of the agreement, two copies to be retained by the County. This is Section 154 Project funding. Abeles-Allison spoke about Bayfield County receiving Corps funding for several other projects in Bayfield County.

Dave Pantzlaff, Bridge Design Group Manager, for Ayers and Assoc presented the bridge engineering project package. He had the engineer's contract ready for signing for the project. He explained how the Bridge Improvement Program works. He explained that WisDOT oversees all of these projects. He stated progress meetings will be held periodically as the project progresses. Next progress meeting will be April 1, 2006. Public meeting will be held about June 1, 2006.

2. 2006 Highway Commissioners/Committee Members Conference will be at the Kalahari Resort located at WI Dells January 24-26, 2006. No agenda is available at present. Brevak, Kacvinsky, Beeksma and Blahnik will attend.
3. Kacvinsky moved to approve the October 2006 Report. Seconded by Blahnik. Carried.
4. Kacvinsky moved to approve the 2006 Resolution for County Aid and Construction and Maintenance. Seconded by Blahnik. Motion carried.

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5. Commissioner's Report – See Attachment #1

Brevak also spoke on right of way purchase costs. Bid letting will begin on CTH J on August 1, 2006 with construction starting immediately after the contract is signed. Brevak also briefed on the TRIP and CHIP funding.

6. Committee Input

Kacvinsky spoke about the danger at the Jct of USH 2 and STH 13. The County of Bayfield along with Townships must take a firm stand on improving this intersection as another death occurred last week. The entire Bayfield County Board will adopt a resolution for WisDOT to take immediate action on making significant improvements at this intersection.

7. No Executive Session required.

8. Motion to adjourn at 4:30 PM by Blahnik, seconded by Kacvinsky. Carried.

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Submitted by:

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Keith I. Larson, Recorder  
Bayfield County Patrol Superintendent