

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED RELOCATION OF CTH D
NOVEMBER 9, 2005 – 7:00 PM
TOWN OF NAMAKAGON TOWN HALL**

Hearing called to order by Highway Committee Chairperson James Beeksma at 7:00 PM. Beeksma explained the purpose of the hearing, he read the petition presented to the Bayfield County Highway Committee from the Town Board of Namakagon. Beeksma stated everyone will get a chance to speak at this hearing.

Joanne Cleary asked about the cost of the project and who will pay for the relocation. Question was asked about costs and purchase of right of way. Brevak explained the proposed route of the relocation of the highway, maps were also available. Brevak stated that present road is too close to the lake and road salt contaminants go into Lake Namakagon. Jay Reynolds stated that the present CTH D is built in the wrong area. Brevak said that CTH D does not qualify for federal money in its present configuration. Bob Rasmussen asked what portion of CTH D will be involved in the proposed study. Brevak stated from Anderson Island to JCT with CTH M. Joanne Cleary asked who would own the abandoned portion of the road. Brevak thought any portion abandoned would revert back to the landowner. Cleary asked if landowners could donate land for the project. Brevak stated that the County would purchase the right of way. David Baum explained about how the proposed project got started. Tom Gemuenden explained that for public safety the road needs to be upgraded. Brevak told about a hearing held in 1969 that was turned down by Namakagon residents. Some residents wondered about the time frame for building this road. Beeksma stated it may take several years to complete this project.

Brevak stated this project will proceed ahead very slowly. We are in early informal stages. Brevak explained that if we receive Federal money for CTH D we have to design in accordance with Federal specifications. Brevak explained about wetlands and the mitigation process. Abeles-Allison stated that this petition presented will require a long time frame for studying the project. David Baum explained that this project was to benefit the property owners and not to cause problems.

Beeksma asked if anyone had any more comments. There were none so the hearing adjourned at 8:00 PM

Minutes submitted by:

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