

MINUTES OF THE
BAYFIELD COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE
5:00 PM, August 1, 2018
Bayfield County Highway Department, Washburn WI

Members Present: James Crandall, Larry Fickbohm, Marty Milanowski and Jeremy Oswald.

Members excused: Harold Maki

Others Present: Highway Commissioner Paul Johanik, Susan Butterfield, Highway Office Manager.

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chairman Crandall.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 5, 2018.

Chairman Crandall with agreement by the other members to move to item 10 of the agenda.

Johanik received a letter from Iron River Chairman Probst informing him the Town of Iron River will be opening 3 segments of County Highway H to ATV traffic according to WI Act 87. Segments include: CTH H from the entrance to Moon Lake Park north to USH 2 (8 blocks), CTH A from Staples Avenue south to USH 2 (2 blocks) and CTH A from Summit Street north to USH 2 (3 blocks). Signs will be posted by the highway department according to State Law.

Crandall opened public comments as there were several residents from the Iron River area with questions to open a segment of CTH H between Scenic Drive and Buskey Bay Drive, approximately 2.5 miles. Johanik explained they must start this process with the Iron River Board of Supervisors before the request comes to the Highway Committee.

Motion by Milanowski, Fickbohm and carried to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2018 meeting.

Vouchers were audited. Motion by Milanowski, Oswald and carried to approve vouchers totaling \$411,731.66.

Johanik explained we have 3 quad-axle and 1 tri-axle trucks that do need replacing, parts are becoming obsolete and harder to find as the trucks were purchased in the late 1990's. Also explained the difficulty finding private contractors to assist during emergency situations. Trucks are approximately \$150,000 but we hope to offset the cost by selling old trucks. Motion by Milanowski, Fickbohm and carried to increase the equipment budget by \$93,000 a year to replace the quad and tri-axle trucks.

Town of Pilsen and Town of Barnes have been approved by the State to go ahead with bridge construction. Johanik explained this is a 2-3 year process, design and build, and is an 80/20 split with the state.

Johanik met with the Town of Barksdale regarding a culvert replacement which falls under the County Bridge Aid program. The cost will be approximately \$5,000, 50/50 split between the Town and County.

Commissioner Reports:

1. Flooding – shared pictures with the Committee. Discussed the different areas and repairs made. 4 Counties; Ashland, Sawyer, Rusk and Washburn and 2 local contractors Jerome Excavating and Olson Brothers of Brule helped with cleanup and repairs. Several trucking companies helped with hauling materials. Northwoods Paving will be doing the asphalt, we are approximately 90% ready for Northwoods to begin.
2. FEMA, to date, has not approved funding for the storm damage. They are currently reviewing the estimates of the 4 counties affected. The counties must have \$8.3M in total damage to receive reimbursement. Feds will reimburse 75%, state share is 12.5% and county share is 12.5%.
3. USH 2 bridge is ahead of schedule, work is being done by Zenith Tech.
4. USH 2 bridge in Iron River – the contractors will be back to finish the bridge. Work is being done by Lunda.
5. 13 County roads affected - 9 damaged, 6 had complete washouts.
6. CTH N and CTH Y scheduled to begin later this month. Northwoods Paving is the contractor. Highway forces will be placing the gravel and cutting a knob on CTH Y. Northwoods will call one week before they are ready to start so we can do our work first.
7. We have 2 PbM contracts with the State, both are cracksealing. We are working on these projects now while the summer students are here to help.

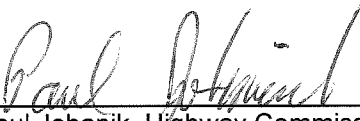
8. Mike Gustafson has moved into the Patrol Superintendent position and Jake Brandis is now the Shop Foreman.

Committee Input:

1. CTH E Bridge (4 corners) – bridge is settling, Northwoods Paving will be addressing this.
2. Washburn matter – 2 businesses would like to utilize / purchase land from the highway department, down behind the blue shed. Really isn't enough room for a business to move in.

Motion by Fickbohm, Milanowski and carried to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

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Paul Johaniak, Highway Commissioner
Bayfield County Highway Department