

## **MINUTES**

### **HIGHWAY, INFRASTRUCTURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, March 6, 2025  
**TIME:** 9:00 AM  
**PLACE:** Highway Dept., Conference Room

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jake Hahn, Al Breu (WebEx), Scott Brehm, John Hokamp, Lee Thao

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Trent Miner, County Clerk, see attached sign-in sheet

1. Chairman Hahn called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and declared a quorum present.
2. There was no public comment.
3. Under correspondence, Highway Commission Hawk reported of an open records request, contact with Sen. Patrick Testin concerning the CTH AA closure, and that seasonal weight limits will be going on starting Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.
4. The minutes of the February 6, 2025, meeting were presented. Motion by Hokamp/Breu to accept the minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.
5. The City of Wisconsin Rapids voted to open their portion of CTH Z to ATV/UTV traffic.
6. The Highway Dept. staff reports were highlighted and reviewed.
7. The Highway revenue report was reviewed.
8. Motion by Hokamp/Thao to approve the Highway Dept. vouchers. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Hawk presented the 2025 culvert quotes for review. Motion by Hokamp/Breu to accept the quotes deemed most advantageous to the county. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Hawk presented the 2025 bituminous bids. Motion by Brehm/Thao to accept the bids deemed most advantageous to the county. Motion carried unanimously.
11. Hawk informed the committee that the milling and pulverizing bids are due next week. Motion by Breu/Brehm to authorize Hawk to award the quotes deemed most advantageous to the county. Motion carried unanimously.
12. The sand and aggregate quotes were reviewed. Motion by Hokamp/Thao to accept the quotes deemed most advantageous to the county. Motion carried unanimously.

13. The hired trucker quotes were reviewed. Motion by Brehm/Hokamp to approve the quotes deemed most advantageous to the county. Motion carried unanimously.
14. The new CAT paver that was supposed to be delivered in 2026 has arrived already but is not budgeted for in 2025. A lease option is available from the company, but Hawk would rather move items around in the machinery replacement schedule from 2025 to 2026 and pay for the paver outright. Motion by Brehm/Breu to approve the changes in the machinery replacement schedule to accommodate the purchase of the new paver in 2025 instead of 2026. Motion carried unanimously.
15. Hawk reported that a recent windstorm caused damage to the rubber roof that is on the truck storage shed building. An approximate cost to repair the roof will be in upwards of \$350,000, however a recent space needs study completed noted the need for a larger shed, with a drive through wash station, that could cost in upwards of \$7-10 million. Hawk was advised to turn this into our insurance company for review before any decisions are made.
16. Hawk reviewed the 2026-2030 Highway Dept. CIP plan. Motion by Brehm/Hokamp to approve the CIP plan as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
17. The Parks & Forestry staff reports were reviewed.
18. Parks & Forestry Director Schooley presented various bids received for the CERA Park shower building and shelter building remodel. Motion by Thao/Hokamp to award the bids deemed most advantageous to Wood County, keeping in mind the overall budget of \$250,000. Motion carried unanimously.
19. Schooley handed out a customer feedback survey on what the name of CERA Park should be. Motion by Thao/Hokamp to rename the park Wood County CERA Park, while leaving open the possibility of naming rights being obtained later. Motion carried unanimously.
20. Schooley presented a resolution to amend the 2024 budget for ATV trails. Miner noted the last paragraph needed to be edited to reflect a posting requirement instead of a publishing requirement. Motion by Brehm/Thao to approve the resolution as amended and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
21. A resolution to apply for grant funding for the ATV and Snowmobile trails was presented. This is a yearly resolution. Motion by Hahn/Brehm to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
22. Schooley presented the 2026-2030 CIP for Parks & Forestry. Motion by Hahn/Hokamp to approve the CIP Plan as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

23. Schubert reviewed the status of Contract #814, where the current contract holder is no longer in business in Wisconsin. A logger has been found to take this contract over at the same costs as the original bidder. Motion by Hokamp/Breu to reassign Contract #814 to Flink Forest Products and grant a 3-year extension to the contract. Motion carried unanimously.
24. The Wood County Wildlife Area Advisory Committee minutes were reviewed.
25. Parks & Forestry revenue reports were reviewed.
26. Motion by Thao/Hokamp to approve the Parks & Forestry vouchers. Motion carried unanimously.
27. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 9:00 AM at the Highway Department Conference Room.
28. Chairman Hahn declared the meeting adjourned at 10:57 AM.

Minutes taken by Trent Miner, County Clerk, and are in draft form until approved at the next meeting.

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NAME	REPRESENTING
Bill Cheadering	wcb # 15
DENNIS POLAKH	wcb # 14
Jeff Tankover	WCB # 11
Gavin Hutchinson	WDNR
Steve Lowrey	Drainage Supply & Alf Fluyate
Roland Hawk	WCH
Jeff Oelke	Town Dexter
GAD SCHOOLER	P&F
Lance Pliml (Web Ex)	CB Chair