

Present: Chair Jim Foley, Supervisors Bob Koch, JoAnn Wingers, Henry St. Maurice, Jon Plumer, and Kim Manley

Also in Attendance: Chris Hardy, Traci Horn, and Susan Fisher

Chair Foley called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. The meeting was properly noticed and published.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Koch, second by St. Maurice, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Manley, second by Wingers, to approve the August 5, 2021 Highway Committee minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wingers, second by St. Maurice, to approve the August 12, 2021 Kowald Rd. Fox River Bridge Replacement OPM minutes. Manley abstained from voting. Motion carried.

Approval of Vouchers

The committee reviewed the voucher report detailing payments made from August 5, 2021 through August 25, 2021. Horn provided input regarding some of the expenses.

Motion by St. Maurice, second by Wingers, to approve the vouchers for a total of \$993,144.67. Motion carried.

Fall Equipment Auction Results

Hardy presented the final bids for Department items sold at auction on Wisconsin Surplus. Equipment has a 15% salvage value as established by the WisDOT Highway Maintenance Manual resulting in a loss on most of the equipment sold.

Motion by Plumer, second by Manley, to approve the Department items sold on Wisconsin Surplus at the fall auction as presented. Motion carried.

Capital Plan

Hardy provided an update on the 2021 capital improvement plan.

Replacement for Tri-Axle Chassis #409

Hardy presented the estimated repair costs, insurance actual cash value, and approximate chassis replacement pricing for truck 409 damaged in a June 17, 2021 vehicle accident. Aegis, the County insurance company, has agreed to total out the chassis offering the Department the actual cash value less our deductible which is a net of \$120,000 and transfer of the title and chassis to Aegis. Replacement chassis are currently unavailable.

Mounted equipment needs to be removed and stored so as to be mounted on the replacement chassis when one is available. There are two options for removing and storing the mounted equipment as follows:

- Haul truck 409 to Burke Truck and Equipment, Inc. where they would remove and store the equipment outdoors at their facility until a replacement chassis is available then re-install it on the new chassis.
- Keep truck 409 in Wyocena and have Department staff remove the mounted equipment and store it indoors at the Wyocena shop then transport the equipment to Burke Truck and Equipment, Inc. for installation when a replacement chassis is available.

Amended Motion by Manley, second by Plumer, to accept the net cash settlement of \$120,000 from Aegis and transfer the title and chassis to Aegis. Motion carried.

Motion by Plumer, second by St. Maurice, to have the Department staff remove the mounted equipment from truck 409 and store it indoors until transporting it to Burke Truck and Equipment, Inc. to be installed on a replacement chassis when available. Motion carried.

Award Truck Mounted Attenuators

Hardy presented quotes received for two styles of truck mounted attenuators: Scorpion II and Trinity SS180MB. The advantages and disadvantages of each were discussed. Both truck mounted attenuators fold up for travel and the Department is evaluating the loss of deck space this creates as well as the ability of the front end of the truck to support the resulting torque. The two new truck mounted attenuators will be state owned per the DMA. John Steiner (WisDOT) has confirmed the Department must purchase the unit that fits the needs and equipment of the Department and it does not have to be the lowest bid.

Motion by Plumer, second by St. Maurice, to table topic for further review by the Department. Motion carried.

State System Projects

Current and planned state highway projects within Columbia County were presented for informational purposes.

Approve Revision #1 State - Municipal Agreement – CTH A Bridge @ UPRR

The WisDOT Change Management Request for the CTH A UPRR bridge is now complete. The resulting Revision No. 1 State Municipal Agreement detailing the design changes and increased project costs to be split 80% WisDOT and 20% County was reviewed by the committee.

Motion by Wingers, second by Koch, to approve Revision No. 1 State Municipal Agreement for the CTH A UPRR bridge replacement as presented. Motion carried.

Approve Revision #1 State – Municipal Agreement – Inglehart Rd @ UPRR

The WisDOT Change Management Request for the Inglehart Rd. UPRR bridge is now complete. The resulting Revision No. 1 State Municipal Agreement detailing the design changes and increased project costs was reviewed by the committee.

Motion by St. Maurice, second by Plumer, to approve Revision No. 1 State Municipal Agreement for the Inglehart Rd. UPRR bridge replacement as presented. Motion carried.

Approve Revision #1 State – Municipal Agreement – Sterk Rd @ UPRR

The WisDOT Change Management Request for the Sterk Rd. UPRR bridge is now complete. The resulting Revision No. 1 State Municipal Agreement detailing the design changes and increased project costs was reviewed by the committee.

Motion by Wingers, second by Koch, to approve Revision No. 1 State Municipal Agreement for the Sterk Rd. UPRR bridge replacement as presented. Motion carried.

WisDOT Agreement for Maintenance of CS Dome Site

Hardy presented the State-Owned Salt Shed Maintenance Agreement from WisDOT for the maintenance of the CS Dome site. The CS Dome is state property on state land and therefore excluded from the Highway Maintenance Manual (HMM). The maintenance agreement applies HMM 02-20-35 to the CS Dome.

Motion by Koch, second by Plumer, to approve the State-Owned Salt Shed Maintenance Agreement as presented pending review and approval by Corporation Counsel. Motion carried.

CTH Project Status

Hardy provided an update on the county projects. The Department is renting a paver because of an August incident. Structural review is needed for Hall Rd. bridge due to de-rating of the piers.

Speed Control Countermeasures

Hardy presented data on the percentage of drivers speeding and discussed various countermeasures for dealing with speed control issues. Dynamic Speed Display Sign (DSDS) options and prices were discussed. There are many DSDS options available but not all of the options meet MUTCD standards; we must meet MUTCD standards to be compliant which limits the selection. DSDS may be AC powered or solar powered; the costs for both need additional research.

Motion by Plumer, second by St. Maurice, to forward the DSDS speed control countermeasures to the Traffic Safety Commission. Motion carried.

CDBG – Close Program Update

Hardy provided an update on the CDBG projects. The projects are on budget and on schedule. The property at N6475 Lake Rd. was mis-identified as County property; the parcel adjacent to that location is County owned property and has no buildings on it therefore the survey work is all that is needed. Hardy is working with Columbia Healthcare Center writing bid documents for the CDBG projects located there.

Topsoil Donation

Sun Prairie Partners, LLC donated approximately 16,000 tons of topsoil to the Department in the spring of 2021. They have contacted Hardy requesting to donate an additional 20,000 tons topsoil to the Department. The Department would be responsible to go to Sun Prairie to load and haul the topsoil to Wyocena which will cost approximately \$11 per ton. Sun Prairie Partners, LLC would like the topsoil removed from their property by May of 2022.

Motion by St. Maurice, second by Wingers, to accept the donation of approximately 20,000 tons of topsoil from Sun Prairie Partners, LLC at the estimated Department trucking cost of \$11 per ton. Motion carried.

2022 Retirement and Replacement of Comptroller and Assistant Comptroller

Fisher informed the Committee that the Comptroller and Assistant Comptroller will be retiring in August of 2022. The hiring process for Department heads was reviewed for informational purposes.

Vacant Position Update and Position Replacement Requests

Hardy informed the Committee of the struggle to find applicants with a CDL which is required to plow snow. Position replacement requests for one (1) Foreman to be located at the Cambria shop and two (2) patrolmen were presented.

Motion by Koch, second by Wingers, to approve the Position Replacement Requests as presented. Motion carried.

Safety Items/Worker's Compensation Claims

There were no new worker's compensation claims; Department has gone 286 days without a lost time accident. Multiple Department vehicle windshields were cracked during August sealcoating and need replacing. There were no injuries to Department employees.

Accounting Review

July financial statements were presented.

Commissioner's Communications

Hardy provided a handout detailing his external communications. The condition of the Portage salt shed was discussed for informational purposes. The posts of the Portage salt shed need to be repaired or replaced. To repair the posts the shed must first be emptied and then steel plating will need to be added to the entire west side of the shed. The Department will incur approximately \$30,000 in expenses to empty and repair the Portage salt shed. These repairs must be completed before winter.

Disallowance of Liability: Aegis Acknowledgement Claim #300.66272, Date of Incident: August 2, 2021, CTH M, Columbia County, WI*

Disallowance of Liability: Aegis Acknowledgement Claim #300.66545, Date of Incident: August 3, 2021, CTH EE, Columbia County, WI*

Disallowance of Liability: Aegis Acknowledgement Claims #300.66553, Date of Incident: August 3, 2021, CTH EE, Columbia County, WI*

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Disallowance of Liability: Aegis Acknowledgement Claims #300.66558, Date of Incident: August 3, 2021, CTH EE, Columbia County, WI*

CLOSED SESSION

Motion made by Koch, second by St. Maurice, to go into closed session at 9:13 a.m. pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g) "Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is likely to become involved." [Disallowance of Liability: Aegis Acknowledgement Claim #300.66272 Date of Incident: August 2, 2021, CTH M, Columbia County, WI] and [Disallowance of Liability: Aegis Acknowledgement Claim #300.66545, Date of Incident: August 3, 2021, CTH EE, Columbia County, WI] and [Disallowance of Liability: Aegis Acknowledgement Claim #300.66553 Date of Incident: August 3, 2021, CTH EE, Columbia County, WI] and [Disallowance of Liability: Aegis Acknowledgement Claim #300.66555 Date of Incident: August 3, 2021, CTH EE, Columbia County, WI] and [Disallowance of Liability: Aegis Acknowledgement Claim #300.66556 Date of Incident: August 3, 2021, CTH EE, Columbia County, WI] and [Disallowance of Liability: Aegis Acknowledgement Claim #300.66558 Date of Incident: August 3, 2021, CTH EE, Columbia County, WI].

Columbia County Highway Committee

Minutes

September 2, 2021

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: 6, as follows: Plumer, Koch, St, Maurice, Foley, Manley, and Wingers
Noes: 0

Hardy, Fisher, and Horn were present in closed session.

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Koch, second by St. Maurice, the Committee reconvened in open session at 9:23 a.m. Motion carried.

No action was taken in closed session.

Motion by Koch, second by Wingers, to disallow Aegis Acknowledgement Claim #300.66272, Date of Incident: August 2, 2021, CTH M, Columbia County, WI. Motion carried.

Motion by Koch, second by St. Maurice, to disallow Aegis Acknowledgement Claim #300.66545, Date of Incident: August 3, 2021, CTH EE, Columbia County, WI. Motion carried.

Motion by Wingers, second by Manley, to disallow Aegis Acknowledgement Claim #300.66553, Date of Incident August 3, 2021, CTH EE, Columbia County, WI. Motion carried.

Motion by St. Maurice, second by Plumer, to disallow Aegis Acknowledgement Claim #300.66555, Date of Incident August 3, 2021, CTH EE, Columbia County, WI. Motion carried.

Motion by Wingers, second by Koch, to disallow Aegis Acknowledgement Claim #300.66556, Date of Incident August 3, 2021, CTH EE, Columbia County, WI. Motion carried.

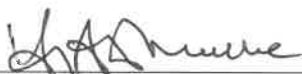
Motion by Koch, second by Manley, to disallow Aegis Acknowledgement Claim #300.66558, Date of Incident August 3, 2021, CTH EE, Columbia County, WI. Motion carried.

Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

Motion by Koch, second by Manley, to adjourn at 9:25 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:



Henry St. Maurice, Secretary



Traci Horn, Recording Secretary

cc: Highway Committee
County Board Chair Gove
County Board Vice Chair Foley
County Board 2nd Vice Chair Koch

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