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Highway Committee Minutes Tuesday November 8, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Chairperson Nickelatti.

Members Present: Nickelatti, Sullivan, Erlandson, Leis and Skemp.

Others in attendance: Commissioner Phil Hewitt, Gail Muller, Lonnie Muller, Susan Conaway

- 1. Call to order, JoAnn Nickelatti, Chair, presiding**
- 2. Affirmation of proper public notice of meeting**
- 3. Review and approve minutes of the October 11, 2016 and October 19, 2016 meetings**
Motion by Leis, seconded by Erlandson, to accept the minutes of the October 11, 2016 regular meeting and October 19, 2016 special meeting. Motion carried.
- 4. Audience to visitors - None**
- 5. Discussion and possible action on design for CTH N Bridge Repair**
Hewitt informed the committee he will not be seeking approval for design on the CTH N bridge repair as listed on the agenda. No action was taken.
- 6. Discussion and possible action on land at De Soto**
Hewitt updated the committee on purchasing land for a De Soto shop. He is waiting for the surveyor to complete the legal description. He will then need to get an offer to purchase from corporation counsel. No action was taken.
- 7. Discussion and possible action on Resolution – Fine For Driving Around Closed Road Signs**
Hewitt informed the committee that there is no resolution needed to fine drivers for driving around closed road signs as he previously thought. There is a State Statute. No action was taken.
- 8. Discussion and possible action on paint truck replacement or repair**
Hewitt informed the committee that refurbishing/repairing the paint truck will cost about \$300,000. He also received a quote from M-B Company to purchase a new truck for \$450,000. After discussion, motion by Erlandson, seconded by Skemp, to purchase a new paint truck. Motion carried. Commissioner Hewitt stated he will get a second quote for a new truck.



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9. Discussion and possible action on highway shop design

Hewitt and the committee discussed options for a new highway shop. Hewitt would like to get preliminary plans drawn up for a cost of approximately \$5,000-\$6,000. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Leis, to request Ho-Chunk funds to pay for the preliminary plans and, if denied, to use highway funds for the plans. Motion carried.

~~10. Discussion and possible action on shop plans~~

11. Discussion and possible action on new floor in shop

Hewitt informed the committee there are holes and uneven floors in the shop making it hard to move equipment around. He feels there needs to be one bay busted out and re-poured. Motion by Leis, seconded by Sullivan, to research the cost to repair the floor. Motion carried.

12. Review and approve Annual Election to Use Composite Rates for Winter Maintenance Equipment

Motion by Leis, seconded by Sullivan, to approve the Composite Rates for Winter Maintenance Equipment from the D.O.T. Motion carried.

13. Review and approve Routine Maintenance Agreement from D.O.T.

Motion by Erlandson, seconded by Skemp, to approve the Routine Maintenance Agreement from the D.O.T. Motion carried.

14. Review and approve vouchers for payment

Motion by Leis, seconded by Skemp, to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.

15. Commissioner's Report – Phil Hewitt – Non-action item

Hewitt updated the committee on the following: He will be working with FEMA to secure funds to repair or replace the CTH JJ bridge damaged in the flood; he is working with the D.O.T. on route optimization for winter plow routes; ATV routes on county roads are still being discussed.

16. Set next meeting date

December 8, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

17. Adjourn

Motion by Leis, seconded by Erlandson, to adjourn. Motion carried.