



# Vernon County Highway Department

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## Highway Committee Minutes Thursday, May 10, 2018

**Members Present:** JoAnn Nickelatti, Glenda Sullivan, Michael Leis, Dave Williams,  
Lorn Goede

**Others in attendance:** Commissioner Phil Hewitt, Gail Muller, Lonnie Muller, Serena Inman

1. **Call to order, JoAnn Nickelatti, Chair, presiding**  
The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairperson Nickelatti.
2. **Affirmation of proper public notice of meeting**  
The meeting was properly noticed.
3. **Review and approve minutes of the April 12, 2018 meeting**  
Motion by Leis, seconded by Sullivan, to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2018 meeting.  
Motion carried.
4. **Audience to visitors – None**
5. **Discussion of Superintendent's Work Performance: The Chair may entertain a motion to enter into a closed session, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, Section 19.85(1)(b), Considering dismissal, demotion, licensing or discipline of any public employee or the investigation of charges against such person. The Employee whose employment is at issue has received notice that he has the right to demand the item be held in open session. If the Employee so requests, the item will be held in open session. Enter into closed session, if motion is made and passed and if Employee does not demand the item be held in open session. (Roll call vote if motion is not unanimous).**
  - a. **Enter into closed session if a motion is made and passed and if Employee does not demand the item be held in open session.** Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Williams, to enter into closed session. All aye, motion carried.
  - b. **If the Committee enters into closed session, Committee will reconvene in open session following the evidentiary hearing pursuant to Wis. Statutes Section 19.85(2).** Motion by Leis, seconded by Goede, to reconvene into open session. All aye, motion carried.



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## **6. May act on items discussed in closed session**

Motion by Goede, seconded by Williams, to dismiss Dave Fredrickson effective immediately based on evidence presented in closed session. All aye, motion carried.

## **7. Discussion and possible action on ATV route requests**

Hewitt presented an ATV/UTV route request from the Town of Jefferson. See attached. Motion by Leis, seconded by Sullivan, to approve the request from the Town of Jefferson. Motion carried.

## **8. Discussion and possible action on canceling chip seal projects**

Hewitt informed the committee that he would like to cancel chip seal projects this year due to budget shortfalls. Motion by Leis, seconded by Sullivan, to cancel seal coat projects due to lack of funding. Motion carried.

## **9. Discussion and possible action on fracture critical bridge training**

Hewitt informed the committee he has registered for fracture critical bridge training in August for a cost of \$1000 plus hotel. The county currently has two fracture critical bridges. Motion by Leis, seconded by Sullivan, to send Hewitt to the training. Motion carried.

## **10. Discussion and possible action on filling vacant patrol worker position**

Hewitt informed the committee about a vacant position for a patrol worker position on a state section. Motion by Goede, seconded by Sullivan, to fill the position. Motion carried.

## **11. Discussion and possible action on router**

Hewitt updated the committee about the router that was purchased six years ago. There are new OSHA regulations about silica dust that will not allow the router to operate as is. It would need to be retrofitted for a cost of \$10,000 or a new router with dust control would be \$25,000. After discussion it was decided that due to lack of routing work, the cost involved, and ability to rent a router if needed, nothing would be done with the router at this time. No action taken.

## **12. Review and approve vouchers for payment**

Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Williams, to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.

## **13. Commissioner's Report – Phil Hewitt – Non-action items**



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Hewitt updated the committee on the following: salt usage in April was high; he has volunteered to do a brine-only route on a State section; the HRRR Safety Project on CTH K received only one bid that was 70% higher than estimated so the project may not happen; he would like to develop permits with fees and/or an ordinance for seasonal weight restrictions.

#### 14. Set next meeting date

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

#### 15. Adjourn

Motion by Williams, seconded by Goede, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Sue Conaway – Vernon County Highway Department

#### ATV/UTV ROUTE REQUESTS

Town of Jefferson	All County Roads that lie within the Town of Jefferson limits:
	CTH B
	CTH KK
	CTH XX
	CTH Y