



Vernon County Highway Department

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Highway Committee Minutes Thursday, May 14, 2020 via WebEx

Members Present: JoAnn Nickelatti, Glenda Sullivan, Mike Leis, Lorn Goede

Others in attendance: Commissioner Phil Hewitt, Roger Call, Ole Yttri

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Election of Committee Chair and Vice-Chair

Sullivan motions to nominate Nickelatti for chair, Leis seconds. Close nominations. Motion by Goede to approve Nickelatti as chair. Seconded by Leis. Motion carried. Nickelatti nominates Sullivan for vice-chair. Leis moves to close nominations. Motion by Leis, seconded by Goede to approve Sullivan as vice-chair. Motion carried.

3. Affirmation of proper public notice of meeting

The meeting was properly noticed.

4. Review and approve minutes of the April 7, 2020 meeting

Motion by Leis, seconded by Sullivan, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

5. Audience to visitors – none.

6. Discussion and possible purchase tilt trailer

Hewitt had quotes ranging from \$8,000 to \$8,950 for tilt trailers. Motion by Goede, seconded by Leis to purchase tilt trailer for \$8,750.

7. Discussion and possible purchase skid steer brush hog

Discussion on being available to mow for other departments with this investment. Motion by Goede, seconded by Sullivan to purchase a skid steer brush hog for \$5,373. Motion carried.

8. Equipment purchases track skid steer

Discussion on “sampling” skid steers and looking into purchasing/leasing options. Hewitt will move forward with this.

9. Delay CHIP and CHIP-D until 2021 – resurface alternate roads

Discussion on delaying and what alternative projects would be completed this year.



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10. CTH FF Bridge Bid - Accept

\$440,000 was the bid amount, which is not costing the highway department anything.

Construction will begin in August. Motion by Sullivan, seconded by Goede to accept bid for CTH FF bridge.

11. Review/Approve bills for payment

Motion made by Leis, seconded by Sullivan to pay the bills. Motion carried.

12. Commissioner's Report – Phil Hewitt – Non-action items

- LTE Summer help
 - One college kid will be returning
 - One retired highway employee interested in returning
- Sell old loader – 74 truck – old highway shop inventory
 - Loader sold for \$9,000 on Wisconsin Surplus online auction
- COVID-19 update
 - Currently have high school girl cleaning two days a week, buildings and facilities person one day, and retired highway employee 3-4 hours a day, three days a week. Around 30 hours of cleaning being done weekly.
- Possible lease heavy dually type truck
- Looking at first week of June to finish black topping the parking lot

13. Set next meeting date

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

14. Adjourn

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