

MINUTES

HIGHWAY, INFRASTRUCTURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, December 7, 2023
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Highway Dept., Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jake Hahn, Dave LaFontaine, John Hokamp, Lee Thao, Al Breu

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. Schubert brought forward a request from the Wood County Rifle & Pistol Club to extend their lease of county forest land another 10 years. This lease has been ongoing for over 70 years. Motion by LaFontaine/Hokamp to approve the lease an additional 10 years. Motion carried unanimously.
4. ATV Update: A pre-bid meeting was held for the upcoming bridge project on the Hay Creek trail. Bids will go out shortly.
5. The minutes of the November 10 & 28, 2023 meetings were reviewed. Motion by LaFontaine/Thao to accept them as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
6. The Highway Dept. staff report was reviewed. Due to extreme lag time in getting equipment, the CIP budget for machinery is adjusted based on the lead times and when equipment is needed and used. Hawk reported that there is a need for a track hoe, which can be obtained and used in 2024. It was in the CIP for 2026. Motion by Breu/LaFontaine to approve this adjustment and purchase of a track hoe. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Motion by LaFontaine/Breu to approve the Highway Dept. vouchers. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Hawk informed the committee that a larger wetland mitigation site has become available in the Town of Rock that would allow the county to possibly sell some wetland credits to private entities in order to recoup the costs of the site. Motion by Hahn/Breu to direct the Highway Commissioner to explore and negotiate the possible purchase of the 130 acre site. Motion carried unanimously.
9. The Parks & Forestry staff reports were presented.
10. Special Use permits were presented:

- a. South Park Red Sand Beach – Closures for the 2024 Water Ski Show and practices. Motion by LaFontaine/Breu to approve the special use permit and fees as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Wood County Shooting Range – to be used for private security and private detective training course, April 22-24, 2024. Motion by LaFontaine/Thao to approve the special use permit as staff has recommended. Motion carried unanimously.
11. Schubert presented 6 expiring timber contracts for review. Motion by LaFontaine/Breu to accept staff recommendations of all contracts presented. Motion carried unanimously.
12. Parks & Forestry revenue reports were reviewed. Motion by LaFontaine/Hokamp to approve the revenue reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
13. Motion by Thao/Hokamp to approve the Parks & Forestry vouchers. Motion carried unanimously.
14. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 4, 2024 at 9:00 AM at the Highway Department Conference Room.
15. Motion by Hokamp/Thao to move into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c), to conduct performance reviews of department heads they oversee. Motion carried unanimously.
16. Motion by Thao/LaFontaine to move back into open session. Motion carried unanimously.
17. Motion by LaFontaine/Hokamp to adjourn. Motion carried at 10:31 AM.

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

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