

# **MINUTES**

## **HIGHWAY, INFRASTRUCTURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, July 9, 2025  
**TIME:** 9:00 AM  
**PLACE:** Highway Dept., Conference Room

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jake Hahn, Al Breu (WebEx), Scott Brehm, Lee Thao, John Hokamp

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Katie DeKleyn, Chief Deputy 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. Under public comment, Supervisor Clendenning addressed concerns he's received about visibility when it is raining or foggy on CTH W. Highway Commissioner Hawk reported there are plans to repaint the lines on the road. Supervisor Hamilton spoke on the need for improvements to the bridge on CTH AA.
3. Under correspondence Hawk reviewed a correspondence he received on concerns of spraying herbicide in ditches across Wood County. He stated that the practice has been the same for 10 years and they will continue with it.
4. The minutes of the June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 were presented. Motion by Hokamp/Breu to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Under the ATV update, a discussion regarding opening up CTH H was held. Motion by Hahn/Brehm to open up CTH H through the Town of Marshfield to ATV/UTV traffic. Motion carried 4-1. Voting no was Breu.
6. The Highway Dept. staff reports were highlighted and reviewed.
7. The Highway revenue report was reviewed.
8. Motion by Hokamp/Brehm to approve the Highway Dept. vouchers. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Commissioner Hawk gave a report on the driveway to 10580 CTH BB. Motion by Brehm/Thao to approve adding 20 feet of pipe onto the driveway to widen the driveway. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Commissioner Hawk gave a report on the CTH B & BB Intersection Property. The owner would like to donate the parcel, demolish the structure, and allow the erection of the monument that is on the property. Motion by Brehm/Breu to accept the donated parcel. Motion carried unanimously.
11. Motion by Thao/Breu to approve the out of state travel request for 2 WCH employees to travel to the VariTech facility in Alexandria, MN July 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Discussion was held regarding the out of state travel request for the Commissioner to attend the NACE BOD meeting September 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. This will be reviewed at next months meeting.
13. The Parks & Forestry staff reports were reviewed.
14. Parks & Forestry Director Schooley reviewed the special use permit for Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Hahn/Brehm to approve the special use permit as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
15. Schooley gave an update on the status of the Maintenance Shop at Powers Bluff. It has now been completed. He also reviewed the bids for the Powers Bluff Trailhead Shelter. Motion by Breu/Hokamp to accept the most advantageous bid. Motion approved unanimously.
16. Lengthy discussion took place regarding E-Bikes, their classes, and how to deal with them as it relates to trail access. Motion by Brehm/Thao to ban Class 2 E-Bikes on single track bike trails at Powers Bluff. Motion approved unanimously.
17. Al Breu was excused at 10:26 AM.
18. Schubert presented on four timber contract extensions. He recommends extending contracts #780, #800, #801 and not granting an extension for #781. Motion by Hahn/Hokamp to approve the extensions as recommended. Motion approved unanimously.
19. Parks & Forestry reports were reviewed.
20. Motion by Hokamp/Thao to approve Parks & Forestry vouchers. Motion approved unanimously.
21. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 AM at the Highway Department Conference Room.
22. Chairman Hahn declared the meeting adjourned at 10:28 AM.

Minutes taken by Katie DeKleyn, Chief Deputy County Clerk, and are in draft form until approved at the next meeting.

**July 9, 2025**

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