

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 10th, 2020

The Manitowoc County Highway Committee convened into an open session at the Manitowoc County Highway Department, 3500 STH 310, Manitowoc, Wisconsin at 4:00 P.M. on this 10th day of March, 2020.

Supervisor Behnke called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Supervisors Behnke, Gerroll, Holschbach, Maresh and Vogt

Excused:

Also Present: Marc Holsen, County Executive Ziegelbauer, County Board Chair Brey

Approval of Minutes: Supervisor Maresh made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Holschbach to approve the minutes from the February 10th, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

Regular Business

(Public Comment): None

Resolution Adopting Six-Year Project Intentions

Holsen presented a resolution to adopt the Six-Year Airport Project Intentions. He explained that this is biennial requirement for the Bureau of Aeronautics as a forecasted airport project update. Brief conversation followed related to the upcoming projects. Supervisor Vogt made a motion to approve. Seconded by Supervisor Holschbach. Motion carried.

Resolution Authorizing Quarry Aggregate Production

Holsen presented a resolution Authorizing Quarry Aggregate Production within the STH 310 location quarry. Supervisor Maresh made a motion to approve. Seconded by Supervisor Vogt. Motion carried.

Evenson Construction Lease

Holsen presented a resolution of a Nonmetallic Mining Lease for the Lutze Pit. Holsen explained the lease agreement history and the duration of the proposed mining continuation. Brief conversation followed. Supervisor Holschbach made a motion to approve. Seconded by Supervisor Vogt. Motion carried.

HMA/Milling Bid Results

Holsen presented the bid results from the recent 2020 Hot Mix Asphalt and Pavement Milling bid opening(s) for the 2020 highway projects. He presented the previous year's unit prices as a comparison and stated that the bids received were favorable for the department's construction plans. The Committee thanked Holsen for the update.

Tri-Axle Bids

Holsen presented the Committee with the recent bids results from the 2020 Truck bids along with last year's prices in comparison. The Committee discussed the extremely competitive bidding and favorable prices received. Holsen recommended accepting the bid for the Western Star truck and described the reasons related. The Committee thanked Holsen for the information.

Spring Weight Limits

Holsen stated that the department had posted annual Spring Weight Limits on various County Trunk Highways effective as of March 2nd as the spring thaw presents unstable base conditions in various areas of the County. He stated that this year prompted an earlier than normal time to implement the postings due to a warmer winter and less frost being accumulated this year. Brief discussion related to frost depths took place. The Committee thanked Holsen for the information.

Workplace Injury Report

Holsen presented a categorized list of department injuries in which have occurred in the past year and the related costs and lost time. The Committee discussed the various working environments that the employees encounter on a daily basis and the different environments encountered by them as the seasons change. Holsen explained the efforts moving forward focusing on the major injury categories and the related safety education. Brief discussion followed.

Safety Committee Implementation

Holsen explained that the Highway Patrol Superintendent/Safety Manager has implemented an in-house Safety Committee structured of Highway Department employees that will meet quarterly or per accident event to discuss and address work environment safety issues/concerns. Holsen stated that he is very optimistic that this group will be beneficial to the overall department safety goals moving forward. Brief discussion followed.

2020 Spring Dept. Safety Training

Holsen presented the 2020 Spring Safety training preliminary plans entailing both classroom and field exercises. He stated that this training would consist of three full days as it relates to the construction season transition. No further discussion.

Construction Season Dept. Hours of Operation

Holsen informed the Committee that the Highway Department construction season hours of operation would take effect on Monday, April 13th.

2020 Construction Project Update

Holsen provided the Committee with a preliminary construction schedule for the upcoming season. He stated that not all WisDOT contracts have been proposed as of yet and expects more State work confirmation in the near future. He mentioned the department has an extremely busy season planned entailing of various highway projects. Discussion followed regarding the bridge deck-sealing program and the various maintenance activities that take place prior to investing into the roadway surface. The Committee thanked Holsen for the update.

2021-2022 WisDOT Project(s) Update

Holsen informed the Committee of the future WisDOT plans to resurface US 151 in 2021 and STH 32/57 in 2022. Brief discussion followed.

2020 MTW Airport Project Update

Holsen presented a 2020 airport project update and discussion took place regarding contractor restricted timeframe including holidays and the upcoming Ryder Cup event. No further discussion.

Overtime Report

The Committee reviewed the Highway Overtime Report. No further discussion.

Vouchers

The committee reviewed the vouchers dated February 4th, 2020 to February 25th, 2020. Supervisor Maresh made a motion to approve, seconded by Supervisor Vogt. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date

May 12th, 2020 @ 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Supervisor Gerroll made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Holschbach. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Submitted by:
Marc A. Holsen,
Highway Commissioner