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**RICHLAND CO. HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING**

October 6, 2016

**MINUTES**

The Regular Highway Committee meeting of October 6, 2016 was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Rasmussen, in the Conference Room at the Richland County Highway Shop, 120 Bowen Circle, Richland Center, WI 53581.

Present were:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Rasmussen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Mueller – minutes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Buford Marshall	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Marty Brewer - absent	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Kinney	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry Sebranek	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Chitwood	<input type="checkbox"/>

***There was proper proof of notification.***

***Read and approve the agenda.***

Moved by *Kinney*, seconded by *Marshall* to approve and accept the agenda as read.  
Motion carried.

***Read and approve minutes from September 1, 2016 Highway Committee Meeting.***

Moved by *Sebranek*, seconded by *Kinney* to approve minutes.  
Motion carried.

***Review voucher listing and approve for payment.***

Total amount for pre-paid and unpaid bills: \$319,427.65.  
Moved by *Marshall*, seconded by *Kinney* to approve vouchers for payment.  
Motion carried.

***Update on Sand Pit acquisition.***

Commissioner Chitwood received an e-mail from Ben Southwick regarding eminent domain offer to Teresa Schneider. (Jurisdictional offer of \$220,000.00). Motion by *Marshall*, seconded by *Kinney* to proceed with the eminent domain process.  
Motion carried.

***Discuss outcome of "Turnout for Transportation" meeting.***

The meeting was held Thursday night, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Commissioner Chitwood and Town of Dayton Chairman Wastlick hosted the meeting. There were also meetings in all counties. Chitwood sent a letter to the Richland Observer summarizing the meeting – basically we need more money for transportation. There were no legislature personnel in attendance.

***Approve policy change involving summer work hours.***

Commissioner Chitwood request change to summer work hours to be 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to make this a straight 10 hour day. The reason for the request is to eliminate paying overtime when

employees work through their lunch hour. Richland County is one of four counties that still do ½ hour lunch during the busy construction season. Moved by *Kinney*, seconded by *Marshall* to take to Finance & Personnel the change requested. Motion carried.

***Discuss need for local ordinance involving road closures.***

The problem is: people drive around/move barricades with road closures. The Sheriff's Department can't do anything without an ordinance. It is a danger to the public and Highway Department worker's. The question was raised, should this be put on Law Enforcement's agenda? Moved by *Sebranek*, seconded by *Marshall* to send to Law Enforcement to be put on their agenda. Motion carried.

***Discuss effects from August/September flooding.***

There was 424 hours of overtime. We requested Iowa County to bring a rubber tired excavator and operator to assist us with flooding repairs. This has been a very trying flooding season. The cost for the third flooding event is approximately \$100,000.00.

***Move into closed session 19.85(1)(c)(f) of Wisconsin Statutes, for preliminary consideration of specific personnel and medical date of public employee.***

Roll call: *Kinney*-yes, *Rasmussen*-yes, *Sebranek*-yes, *Marshall*-yes. Moved by *Kinney*, seconded by *Marshall* to go into closed session. Motion carried.

Moved by *Kinney*, seconded by *Marshall*, to return to open session. Motion carried.

***Commissioner's report.***

- a. *Tribal Conference.* November 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- b. *Delays on work progress.* This goes without saying (flooding issues). Still have lots of mowing, preparing for winter, etc.
- c. *Misc.* Teleconference - STP-Rural on CTH O. There have been a lot of road blocks. Staying on course.

***Other Business.***

N/A

The next regular Highway Committee meeting will be held, *Thurs., November 3, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m.*

Motion to adjourn the meeting by *Marshall*, seconded by *Sebranek*. Motion carried.

*Chairman Rasmussen* adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.