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RICHLAND CO. HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 4, 2019

MINUTES

The Regular Highway Committee meeting of April 4, 2019 was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Buford Marshall, in the Conference Room at the Richland County Highway Shop, 120 Bowen Circle, Richland Center, WI 53581.

Present were:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Buford Marshall | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cerresa Rose |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marty Brewer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fred Gruber, Jewell Associates Engineers |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry Sebranek | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Williamson | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James D. Huffman | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Condon | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

There was proper proof of notification

Read and approve the agenda

Moved by *Marty Brewer*, seconded by *James Huffman* to approve and accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Read & approve minutes from March 7, 2019 Highway Committee Meeting

Moved by *James Huffman*, seconded by *Marty Brewer* to approve and accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Review voucher listing and approve for payment

Total amount for unpaid bills: \$64,914.94. Pre-paid bills were \$297,508.68. Moved by *Steve Williamson*, seconded by *James Huffman* to approve vouchers for payment. Motion carried.

Discussion on STP Rural – County Highway O

STP Rural County O was applied for last year and the Highway Department was notified that it was not approved. The Highway Commissioner was under the assumption that the County was approved for an extension on this project. Currently it was brought to the Commissioner's attention that if the County is not approved for the extension that it would be on the hook for 80% of the project which is estimated at around \$400,000. An alternative option being considered is pulverizing and relaying. There is miscommunication as to the deadline for this application or if the extension is valid until 2027.

Discuss & Approve Dozer Purchase

A D8H Dozer is needed for operations on the County Y project and the County Sandpit. With the purchase of this dozer the Commissioner would like the board to consider upgrading our trailer to haul it. An upgraded trailer would also give the Highway Department the option to haul our large trucks when they break down instead of the incurred expense of a tow truck. Moved by *Larry Sebranek*, seconded by *Marty Brewer* to approve the purchase of a D8H Dozer for \$28,000. Motion carried

Discuss all Recent Flooding Issues County Wide

The main issue county wide for flooding was plugged culverts and washed out shoulders due to the amount of frost still in the ground. Thankfully no asphalt was lost during this flooding event. The Highway Department was contacted by Whispering Pines as well as the Tri County Region Airport about the flooding that occurred and future concerns. Fred Gruber from Jewell Associates Engineers, Inc. sat in on the meeting and discussed the flooding issues that arose from 2019 on County Highway JJ. The Commissioner had brought up that there were plans from 2008 to handle the flooding issues on CTH JJ but they were never pursued or implemented. The Committee is going to get in contact with Sauk County about possible solutions.

Discussion on FEMA & Final Reimbursements for 2018

A FEMA representative has been working with the Highway Department on all of the flooding damage accrued during 2018. After all of the numbers had been calculated, the Highway Department will be receiving an estimated \$140,000 for flood repairs.

Set Interview Date for 2 Positions

Interviews will take place May 2, 2019 starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Highway Department conference room.

Discuss Summer Help & Hiring 1-2 Summer Temps

This will be handled by the Highway Commissioner. The Highway Commissioner also brought up to the Committee about how hard it is to find hard working summer temps when they are only receiving a wage just a little over \$11/hr. The Committee acknowledged the Commissioner's concern but no action will be taken at this time.

Commissioner's report.

- a. **State-** Currently crack sealing in prep for seal coating this summer.
- b. **County-** Culvert extension for Willow Township on Rustic View.
- c. **Township-** Rest of the crews are cleaning ditches as well as brush work.

Other Business

The Highway Commissioner discussed the cost of winter maintenance for 2019 and expressed his concern that things are going to be tight for the rest of this year.

The next regular Highway Committee meeting will be held, ***Thursday, May 2nd, 2019 @ 9:00 a.m.***

Motion to adjourn the meeting by *James Huffman*, seconded by *Larry Sebranek*. Motion carried.

Chairman Buford Marshall adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Marty Brewer - Secretary