

Richland County Highway Department  
Commission Meeting Minutes

The August monthly meeting of the Richland County Highway Commission met on Wednesday August 5th, 2020 with Chairperson Steve Williamson presiding. Chairperson Steve Williamson called the meeting to order at 1735 and found all members present and that the meeting was properly posted and notification was given. Additional attendees from the public and employees included, Rob Bender from Homesteaders Store, Darrell Slama from Hillsboro Equipment, and Jamie Koch Lead Shop Foreman,

A motion by Supervisor Chad Cosgrove to approve the agenda was on the floor and seconded by Supervisor Marc Couey, Motion Carried.

A motion by Supervisor Marc Couey to approve the meeting minutes of the July 2020 Meeting was on the floor and was seconded by Supervisor Gary Manning, Motion Carried.

Chairperson Steve Williamson stated that he would be taking the agenda out of order and asked that **Agenda item 8** equipment updates be discussed first. Highway Commissioner Roger Petrick stated that there were 4 bids for the purchase or lease of a tractor available tonight for review. Those bids were from Hillsboro Equipment (John Deere), St. Joseph's Equipment (Case), Simpson Tractor (New Holland) and The Homesteaders Store (Kubota), Highway Commissioner Petrick stated that these tractors were mainly for mowing ditches and roadsides. After a review of all the bids there was a **Motion by Supervisor Manning to table any action on purchase or lease until the next meeting. Seconded by Supervisor Couey with no discussion Motion Carried.**

Chairperson Williamson moved to **Agenda Item 5** for discussion and review of the monthly bills. Highway Commissioner Petrick reviewed the monthly bills and provided explanation. **Motion by Supervisor Manning to pay the monthly bills, Seconded by Supervisor Cosgrove. With no discussion Motion Carried**

**Agenda Item 6** was discussed. Highway Commissioner Petrick stated that an ordinance was drafted and approved by the town of Buena Vista Township which was in conformity with the County resolution to allow ATV/UTV's to operate on a small section of US Hwy 14 from the intersection of County Hwy B to Schuerman Rd. in the Town of Buena Vista to cross a bridge to access additional road routes. The request would have to also be approved by the State of Wisconsin before it would become a legal route. Concerns were raised about safety and length of being on the roadway to cross the bridge, Visibility and adequate turn lanes, discussion followed. **Motion by Supervisor Couey to send this ordinance on to the County Board for approval to send it further on to the State of Wisconsin for final approval, Seconded by Supervisor Manning. With no discussion the Motion Carried.**

**Agenda Item 7** was discussed. Chairperson Williamson and Highway Commissioner Petrick gave a report on the long-standing water mitigation issues that are at the Lone Rock Airport and along County Hwy JJ. Efforts have been made to keep water flowing but it is only temporary and that the Airport Committee is pursuing an Environmental and Archeological Study in the aide of further excavation work that is needed to keep mitigating the standing water issues and land use agreements of nearby landowners. There has been Ideas on how to remove this water but cannot do much until Sauk County has done work on there side of the County. State Legislators representing Richland and Sauk County's have been contacted for additional support and possible funding.

**Agenda Item 9** was discussed. A proposed 2021 budget was presented for review, no action taken.

**Agenda Item 10** was presented by Highway Commissioner Petrick, He gave an update on State and County Roadways and work that was being done. No Township roadway work was done.

Nothing to discuss on **Agenda item 10**.

Next Meeting for the Richland County Highway Commission will be on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 1730 in the conference room at the Richland County Highway Shop.

**Motion by Supervisor Cosgrove to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Supervisor Manning, Motion Carried.**

**Submitted by Supervisor Kerry Severson - Secretary**