

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING

November 14, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Grant County Highway Committee was held on Thursday, November 14, 2013 at the Highway Office in Lancaster, Wisconsin. Chairman John Patcle called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M..

Members present besides the Chairman were Donald Splinter, Mark Stead, Grant Loy, Vern Lewison, Highway Commissioner David Lambert. Also present was County Board Chairman Larry Wolf and Jon Knautz. Larry Kirschbaum joined the Committee at 9:08, Wes Ensrud at 9:43, and Aaron Palmer and Mike Coleman at 9:56.

Notice of the meeting was sent to the newspaper and radio station and the agenda was posted at the Administration Building and the Highway Office.

Grant Loy, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Donald Splinter, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2013 meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Mark Stead, seconded by Donald Splinter, moved to pay Vouchers #1010 thru #1131. Motion carried.

Vern Lewison, seconded by Grant Loy, moved to approve and sign two quit claim deeds between Grant County Highway Department and one for John Brandemuehl for .41 acres and one for Zenz Farms, LLC for 1.42 acres. The two parcels are located on CTH "A" east of Lancaster. All costs associated with the transfer including the survey will be paid for by the landowners. Motion carried.

Mark Stead, seconded by Donald Splinter, moved to approve and sign the Relocation Order for the CTH "K", French Bridge Replacement Project. Grant County Highway Department will purchase .13 acres of new R/W and 1.27 acres of existing highway R/W (Easement to Fee Title) from three landowners. Motion carried.

For the first nine months of 2013, Grant County is \$291,782.82 in the red for the maintenance work that we provided on the State Highway System. Total State requisitions for the first nine months of the year were \$1,633,462.36.

David discussed creating a new highway worker position. Total cost of the position including benefits would be \$49,032.00. Approximately half of this cost will be paid by the WisDOT. No CDL will be required. Currently, this person is employed as "summer help" and works about 1200 hours per year.

Vern Lewison, seconded by Grant Loy, moved to approve creating a new full time highway position with no CDL required and eliminate the current seasonal help position. Motion carried.

Mark Stead, seconded by Donald Splinter, moved to approve and sign the Routine Maintenance Agreement for 2014 with WisDOT. Motion carried. Grant County will receive \$1,926,400. in 2014. This compares to \$1,831,521. received in 2013. This is the first increase since 2009.

Jon reported that the State salt sheds are all full, sanders are all on the trucks, and that they will wait until the last possible moment to install the pre-wetting tanks so the trucks can be used for other purposes in the mean time.

Larry said that the finish layer of asphalt on CTH "ZZ" will have to wait until next year as there is no asphalt plant available. The asphalt price will remain at the 2013 bid price for this project.

Wes Ensrud from FABCO, talked to the Committee about a new Caterpillar road grader and its features. He will try to set up a demonstration for spring. The price of a new Caterpillar road grader including plow and wing is approximately \$280,000.00.

David will meet with FEMA on Friday, November 15, 2013 to discuss reimbursement.

David distributed material for the upcoming Wisconsin County Highway Association winter Conference to be held January 13, 14, 15, 2014.

Aaron Palmer, Project Manager with Westbrook Associated Engineers, introduced himself and Mike Coleman, lead Highway Design Technician with Westbrook, to the Committee. They thanked the County for the business Westbrook has done in the past and hope to do business with the County on future projects.

Mark Stead, seconded by Vern Lewison, moved to adjourn at 10:53 A.M. to Thursday, December 12, 2013 at 9:00 A.M.. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark A. Stead, Secretary