

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING

May 18, 2023

The Highway Committee met on Thursday May 18, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the County Highway Department in Lancaster, the meeting was also available via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Donald Splinter. Roll call was taken. Other members present were: Gary Northouse, Diane Nelson, and Pat Schroeder. Roger Guthrie asked to be excused. Others present were Bob Keeney, Jon Knautz, Dan McLimans, Steve Morgan, Donna Bohnenkamp. Tonya White, and Joyce Roling attended via zoom.

Notice of the Highway meeting was sent to the Herald Independent, Administration Building, posted at the Highway Department and on the Grant County web site.

Gary Northouse, seconded by Pat Schroeder, made a motion to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Diane Nelson, seconded by Gary Northouse, made a motion to approve the April 20th Highway meeting minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Pat Schroeder, seconded by Diane Nelson moved to approve the Accounts Payables as reported. Motion carried without a negative vote.

The March Requisition was sent to the State for \$121,844.67, we are over our estimated monthly budgeted amount by \$21,882.92.

Dan McLimans informed the Committee the State crews have been working on washing bridges, shouldering Hwy 80, and spraying growth inhibitor on the Right-of-Ways. The crew also washed the Border Bridge between Wisconsin and Dubuque.

Steve Morgan reported the county crews have been taking snow fence out, ditching and working on the shoulders.

Mike informed the committee the two new truck were here and the Committee could view them in the shop. The mechanics are working on the paver making sure it's ready to go when they need it.

Donna informed the Committee that the phones/faxes have been disconnected at the satellite shops since the employees are entering their time in RT Vision. She also mentioned the Auditors from Johnson Block were here doing the yearly audit of the Highway. No concerns were found.

Jon informed the committee there is one position open at the Highway Department. Two applications were received, one with a CDL, and one without a CDL. Jon in conjunction with Joyce, created an agreement for *Assistance from Grant County Highway to Obtain Class A or B Commercial Driver's License*. The Agreement states the Highway Department will assist the new hire in obtaining a CDL; in exchange, the new hire will stay with the Highway Department two years or reimburse the highway department for costs incurred for the training on a prorated basis.

Jon also notified the Committee the Lancaster Shop had another leak, and the salt dome roof needed repair, so he hired E.G. Roofing to repair both.

Jon discussed bridge inspection fees. They are currently \$25.00 a bridge, and he is asking it to be raised to \$50.00 a bridge. Gary Northouse, seconded by Pat Schroeder, made a motion to increase the bridge inspection fees to \$50.00. Motion Carried without a negative vote.

Gary Northouse, seconded by Diane Nelson, made a motion to adjourn to June 15, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the Highway Department in Lancaster. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Diane Nelson
Secretary

Donna Bohnenkamp
Recorder