

The Crawford County Highway Committee held their regular meeting on March 19, 2015 at the Highway Office Conference Room in Seneca, WI.

The meeting was called to order by Tom Cornford at 9:35 a.m. Proof of Publication was verified by Tom Cornford. Members present were: Tom Cornford, David Olson, Henry Esser and Wade Dull. Gerald Krachey was excused. Also present was Commissioner Dennis Pelock. Julie Check was present to take minutes.

The agenda was approved with a motion made by Wade Dull and seconded by David Olson. Motion was carried by a voice vote.

Minutes from the last meeting on February 19, 2015, Operational Planning Meeting on February 3, 2015 and Special Meeting on March 9, 2015 were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Henry Esser, seconded by Wade Dull. Motion was carried by a voice vote.

Invoice voucher numbers: 2014 VP#1146-1165, 2015 Vo# 104-127 & 130-169 and Payroll voucher numbers 102/103 & 128/129 were approved with a motion made by Henry Esser, seconded by David Olson to authorize payment. Motion was carried by a roll call vote.

Recognition of guests:

Pete Strachan from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation was present for the discussion of the Prairie du Chien salt shed and the Becwar driveway opening on STH 179.

In Citizen's Concerns:

Tom Cornford had a citizen ask him about the Becwar driveway opening on STH 179. According to Pete Strachan from WisDOT we are waiting for the special beam guard panel to come in and then will proceed with project.

Fund Balances –

The preliminary December 2014 thru February 28, 2015 fund balances were reviewed. David Olson made motion to approve the transfer of funds from CTH for the mutual aid provided for the Big Timber fire in the amount of \$372.47, seconded by Henry Esser. Motion was carried by a roll call vote.

Chairman Tom Cornford also discussed the ideas from the Finance Committee meeting about the bridge expenses, regarding the possibility of the \$200,000+ to repair/replace these bridges and alternatives to funding these projects (first priority being CTH C bridge). The committee agreed that would be a good idea and to proceed with the CTH C & CTH B bridge designs. These bridges are priorities due to safety issues.

State Truck Highways:

Commissioner Dennis Pelock showed the committee the preliminary plans/drawings for the Prairie du Chien salt shed, which is Federal, State and County funded through the major's project and projected schedule for 2016.

Towns/Village/City Projects & Issues:

Wade Dull made a motion to approve the Amendment to Agreement for the Sugar Creek Bridge & Approaches, Project ID: 5327-00-02/72 for the amount of \$3,059.48 for an Archeological Survey, seconded by Henry Esser. Motion was carried by a roll call vote.

Local Projects & Bridges:

CTH C, Bridge B-12-0002 – The committee reviewed the preliminary plans.

CTH E, HRRRP Project ID: 5002-01-03/73 – The committee discussed the intersection estimate proposal for Pleasant Mound and Maple Ridge from Pustina Construction. After reviewing the proposal, David Olson made a motion to hire Pustina Construction by the hour to work with the County forces for this project, seconded by Henry Esser. Motion was carried by a roll call vote.

CTH S – Bridge P-12-0109, Project ID: B-12-0190 – The committee reviewed the preliminary plans. According to Commissioner Pelock, Karen Kalvelage from the DNR said she will work with the County as the wet land impact is minor in the project area. This project will depend on funding and insurance money.

Highway Building and Facilities:

The Highway Department had a request for mowing the Crawford County Fairgrounds in Gays Mills, WI due to Greg Smiley no longer mowing it. It took Greg approximately 12 hours per week to mow it all. After much discussion and running of the numbers, the committee decided the Highway Department employees could not mow it for what the fair board was previously paying.

Personnel & Personnel Issues:

Wade Dull made a motion to approve release from 6 month probation pending evaluation for Dennis Butler as of March 11, 2015, seconded by David Olson. Motion carried by a voice vote.

The committee discussed the summer applicants and agreed to hire four summer employees at this time, one for shop/mechanic, two flaggers and one for paving. They also approved Commissioner Pelock and the staff to do the hiring. The committee also discussed, if necessary, two additional summer college employees for flagging or additional projects.

The consensus of the committee was to hire part-time retirees to do the mowing.

The next regular meeting will be held Friday, April 17, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. at the Administration Building in Prairie du Chien, WI. At 10:55 a.m. with no further business, Henry Esser made a motion to adjourn, seconded by David Olson. Motion was carried by a voice vote.

David Olson
Henry Esser
Tom Cornford
Committee

Dennis Kartz
Wade F. Dull
David Pelock
Commissioner