

Lincoln County Highway Committee
Minutes of Thursday, August 3, 2006 - 7:30 A.M.
Commissioner's Office – Merrill

Members Present: Robert Lussow, Graham Rankin, Bob Lee and Arlene Meyer

Members Absent: Wayne Plant

Visitors: Randy Scholz, Jason Lemmer, Jerry Jagmin, Sarah Olson and Linda Rhinehart

1. Call Meeting to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Chairman Lussow.

2. Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings(s):

Motion by Lee, seconded by Lussow to approve the minutes of the two previous meeting as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. Financial Reports:

There were no questions regarding financial information sent in packets.

4. Set Future Meetings:

September 7, 2006, Thursday, 7:30 a.m., Tomahawk City Hall – Tomahawk
October 5, 2006, Thursday, 7:30 a.m., Commissioner's Office - Merrill

5. Claims:

None

6. Public Comment:

None

7. Discuss County Board Goal for Highway Dept. – Ways to Foster Transportation System in County:

The Committee discussed and stressed the importance of the Canadian National Railroad. The Committee supported a change from 24' to 22' widths of pavement. The Committee will be vigilant to find ways to be supportive of needs that will benefit Lincoln County.

8. Discuss Impact of 2% Levy on the Highway Department:

The Commissioner discussed a handout giving costs per lane mile with different road widths. He also discussed the length of time it would take to maintain our roads using current costs and budget restraints. The Committee felt this information needs to be given to the public because very often good roads are taken for granted without realizing the funds that are needed to maintain them. The Committee suggested that a simple format be given to the public, showing that the cost for maintaining roads is far less than rebuilding them.

9. Approve Blade Quotations:

The Commissioner handed out the blade quotations. Motion by Lussow, seconded by Meyer to approve the quote of Mid-States Blade and Chain as recommended. All ayes. Motion carried.

10. Report of Highway Superintendents:

Jason Lemmer updated the Committee on current progress of blacktopping, shouldering and getting culverts in on County Roads X and Z. Jerry Jagmin updated the Committee regarding State funding for special projects and also on the Compass training. He requested the use of credit card with a limit to be used for gas purchases when traveling to State trainings. The Committee could not discuss. The Commissioner will put on the next agenda.

11. Commissioner's Report on Highway Operations:

- a. Safety Update – Commissioner stated incidences are at 15, last years total was 45.
- b. Summer Projects – Commissioner stated that paving County Road E and O is done.
- c. NACE (National Association of County Engineers) conference will be held in April 2007.
- d. Update on Paver Demo – Employees were not happy with this paver. The company stated they are no longer going to rent pavers.

12. Adjourn:

Motion by Rankin, second by Lussow to adjourn at 8:25 a.m.