

Lincoln Co. Highway Committee
Minutes of Thursday, December 7, 2006 – 7:30 a.m.
Commissioner’s Office – Merrill

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

Member Absent: Wayne Plant

Visitors: Randy Scholz, Sarah Olson, Scott Gabrich, Jason Lemmer,
Curt Powell, Russ Habeck, Marlene Graap

1. **Call Meeting to Order:**
Meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Chairman Lussow.
2. **Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting:**
Motion by Lee, seconded by Rankin, to approve the minutes of the last meeting as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. **Financial Report:**
Sarah Olson reviewed financial information, inventory and analysis of materials and supplies. Sarah commented that other counties have been contacted on how they manage discrepancies on measuring materials. Randy stated the ratio used for recycled blacktop may be off and that \$175,000 remains for winter maintenance. Lussow stated Sarah’s comments on inventory should be posted. Sarah said the inventory team did a great job.
4. **Set Future Meetings:**
January 4, 2007, Thursday, 7:30 a.m., Tomahawk City Hall – Tomahawk
February 1, 2007, Thursday, 7:30 a.m., Commissioner’s Office – Merrill
5. **Claims:**
None
6. **Public Comment:**
None
7. **Discuss/Action Re: Signing RMA with the DOT:**
Russ Habeck from the Dept. of Transportation was present. Mr. Habeck commented that the Department Secretary has been working to increase the maintenance budget and that an 18% increase has been requested. Motion by Lussow, seconded by Lee, to sign the RMA with the DOT as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
8. **Action Re: Sale of 40 Acre Parcel:**
Commissioner Scholz distributed the bid tabulation. Only one bid was received. Bob stated he received some comments from area property owners and the Forestry Department had concerns about the easement. Motion by Lussow, seconded by Rankin, to accept the bid from Robert Zortman, Brek Zortman, and Drake Zortman, in the amount of \$105,086.00. All ayes. Motion carried.
9. **Discuss ATV Contract Route:**
Commissioner Scholz felt the agreement which was discussed for the route on CC is ok and stated that he also approved signage.

10. **Action Re: Request to Advertise for Four Lifts:**
Scott Gabrich verbally presented information on portable lifts for servicing the equipment. The lift he felt would be most beneficial is a radio controlled lift with no cords. This lift is battery operated with rubber casters. Ideally we could use four lifts for each shop. Scott explained purchasing these lifts would make equipment servicing much easier and certainly more efficient. Randy stated the OSHA approved ramps are not working for us. Motion by Rankin, seconded by Lee, to authorize Commissioner Scholz to put together specifications and advertise for eight lifts. All ayes. Motion carried.
11. **Closed Meeting:**
Motion by Lee, seconded by Rankin, to convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. State Statutes 19.85(1)(c) to consider the Employment, Promotion, Compensation or Performance Evaluation Data of Any Public Employee. All ayes. Motion carried.
12. **Reconvene in Open Session:**
Motion by Lee, seconded by Meyer, to approve a favorable evaluation and step increase for Randy Scholz, Highway Commissioner, along with a thank you from the committee. All ayes. Motion carried.
13. **Report of Highway Superintendents:**
Jason Lemmer reported that the crew has been cutting brush, working on State road signs, crushing gravel and moving it to the hot mix plant and are doing necessary snow removal. Chairman Lussow appreciated the salt/sand applications by the stop signs which results in safer conditions.
14. **Commissioner's Report on Highway Operations:**
 - a. Safety Update – Randy reported on the OSHA 300 Logs stating he has contacted the Dept. of Commerce with no reply from them. After talking with other Commissioner's, it seems no one has been able to get any answers on the reporting process. Randy will continue to report these the way he is currently doing it.
 - b. CTH A Project – This will be a 2008 project and will consist of reconstructing about two miles. Approximately 15 people attended the public meeting. The overall feeling was very positive. Randy will be attending training on Dec. 11th regarding boundary disputes.
 - c. Commissioner Scholz gave a short power point presentation on Lincoln County Roads–Present and Future and explained the plan for future projects. Chairman Lussow felt that the presentation should be kept simple when presenting it to the County Board.
15. **Adjourn:**
Motion by Rankin, seconded by Lussow, to adjourn at 8:40 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.