

**Lincoln County Highway Committee**  
**Minutes of Thursday, June 3, 2010 – 7:30 a.m.**  
**Tomahawk City Hall**

Members Present: Bob Lee, John Bailey, Graham Rankin, Arlene Meyer, and Richard Berndt  
Visitors: Randy Scholz, Jerry Jagmin, Dan Leydet, Scott Gabrich, Jason Lemmer, and Bob Lussow

1. **Call Meeting to Order:**

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

2. **Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)** – Motion by Meyer, seconded by Bailey to approve the minutes from the last meeting as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. **Set Future Meetings:**

July 1, 2010, Thursday 7:30 a.m., Commissioners Office - Merrill

August 5, 2010, Thursday 7:30 a.m., Tomahawk City Hall - Tomahawk

4. **Claims:** Scholz explained that there is a claim from Verizon from late summer or fall of 2009. They are claiming that we hit one of their pedestals on County Road M for damages of \$466. The adjuster told him that one of the local residences told Verizon that one of our guys were out there with tractors cutting the grass and hit the pedestal. They really don't have any evidence that we actually hit the pedestal and Lemmer has talked to both drivers and they said they didn't hit the pedestal. Scholz has even asked to talk to the guy from Verizon who fixed the pedestal and if we did damage it we would pay but at this point he's questioning if we in fact did damage it. Scholz will continue to work on this claim.

5. **Public Comment** - No one was present for public comment.

6. **Financial Report** – Scholz indicated that the billing period ended on May 30<sup>th</sup> so the financial reports weren't ready and will be presented at next month's meeting.

7. **Review Presentation for County Board** – Scholz explained that at the last County Board he was asked to give a presentation at the next County Board to talk about the Highway Departments fund balance and overall operations. Leydet and Scholz went over their power point presentation with the Committee.

8. **Closed Session – Convene into Closed Session pursuant to Sec. 1985 (1)(e) Wis. Stats. For conducting other specified public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Sec. 19.85 (1)(e) – Workforce Reduction Strategies** – Motion by Rankin, seconded by Meyer to go into closed session with Scholz, Lussow, and Leydet. All ayes. Motion carried.

9. **Open Session – Take any necessary action on Items Discussed in Closed Session** – Motion by Lee, seconded by Bailey to present a resolution to June's County Board meeting asking for \$500,000 to continue highway operations as they exist and authorize Scholz to pursue offering early retirement incentives to the highway employees to help with the budget. All ayes. Motion carried.

10. **Hot Mix Plan Allocation of Funds** – Scholz explained his plan of reallocating the funds from the hot mix plant. Scholz recommended that some of the funds should go to the equipment account since that is what it was intended for and the remaining would be put into general maintenance. He would like to use the money to fix County Road E. They discussed the possibility of putting this money towards the winter maintenance contingency fund and putting the timber sale towards County Road E. Scholz said that we should be fine in winter maintenance due to the mild winter so far and \$150,000 in contingency and we would not get County Road E done this year if we have to wait for the money from the stumpage. Motion by Rankin, seconded by Berndt to allocate the funds as Scholz recommended. All ayes. Motion carried.

11. **Resolution Placing Advisory Referendum Question on November Ballot – State’s Segregated Transportation Fund** – This resolution would prevent the state from taking money out of the transportation fund. The state can bond for capital improvements but they can’t bond for operations. Motion by Lee, seconded by Meyer to support the resolution. All ayes. Motion carried.
12. **Timber Sale on Property off of Swamp Road in the Town of Merrill** – Scholz recommended that we have a timber sale on the property off of Swamp Road in the Town of Merrill and put the funds into the winter maintenance contingency fund. Revenues could take 2 – 3 years to receive. Motion by Lee, seconded by Rankin to approve the timber sale on the property off Swamp Road in the Town of Merrill and put the funds into the winter maintenance contingency fund. All ayes. Motion Carried.
13. **Report by Superintendents** – The superintendents weren’t present.
14. **Commissioner’s Report on Highway Operations** –
  - a. Capital Days – They discussed the resolution regarding taking money out of the transportation fund for other purposes and the State RMA’s.
  - b. Traffic Paint Shortage – Scholz explained that there is a shortage of traffic paint due to one plant blowing up and there are only 2 plants in the nation. We might get paint in August, but the cost will be increasing.
15. **Adjourn** - Motion by Meyer, seconded by Berndt to adjourn at 10:25 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.