

Lincoln County Highway Committee
Minutes of Thursday, July 1, 2010 – 7:30 a.m.
Commissioner's Office - Merrill

Members Present: Bob Lee, John Bailey, Graham Rankin, Arlene Meyer, and Richard Berndt
Visitors: Randy Scholz, Jerry Jagmin, Darryl Landeau, Heather Marheine, Dan Miller,
Phil Rausch and Jason Lemmer

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 Rankin to approve the minutes from the last meetings as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. **Set Future Meetings:**
August 5, 2010, Thursday 7:30 a.m., Tomahawk City Hall - Tomahawk
September 2, 2010, Thursday 7:30 a.m., Commissioners Office - Merrill
4. **Claims:** None
5. **Public Comment** - No one was present for public comment.
6. **Financial Report** – Marheine reported on financial statements. Motion by Lee, seconded by Berndt to approve the financial reports as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
7. **Request from Scott Streich to Keep Sign on Row** – Scott Streich requesting an easement to have his sign stay as is on the corner of County Hwy “K” and County Hwy “R”. Scholz and Dan Miller from the Zoning Department presented pictures and comments. Motion made by Lee and seconded by Meyer not to grant the requested easement. All ayes. Motion carried.
8. **Request from Somo ATV Club for a route on CTH CC from Jones Road to Tannery Road**- Phil Rausch from Somo ATV club asked to have the route on CTH CC from Jones Road to Tannery Road be open to ATV travelers. A Motion by Meyer and seconded by Berndt to allow ATV travel on this proposed route if the city approves it at their meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.
9. **Darryl Landeau North Central WI Regional Planning Commission – Lincoln County Routes & Trails Plan for Bicycles**- Darryl Landeau from North Central WI Regional Planning Commission presented a proposal to have the Lincoln County Highway Department sponsor a program to create bicycle and pedestrian trails throughout Lincoln County roads systems which would include working with various departments to widen current roads and ATV trails to allow bikes and pedestrians to use them. Motion made by Meyer and seconded by Berndt to sponsor the program. 4 ayes and 1 nay Rankin. Motion carried.
10. **Prevailing Wage Resolution**- Scholz explained how prevailing wage has been effecting the Highway Department and how the Townships have been feeling the extra financial burden. Scholz requested to present a resolution to the board to try and rescind the current prevailing wage determination. Motion made by Lee and seconded by Meyer. All ayes. Motion carried.
11. **Funding Options for Highway Department**- Committee discussed presentation to board. Scholz presented the two options. One option is to go to referendum for additional funds and another is to implement a registration fee. Motion made by Lee and seconded by Rankin to put on the next county board meeting the Highway Fund balance needs and requesting options to help fund it. All ayes. Motion carried.
12. **Report by Superintendents** – Jerry Jagmin reported state workers are cutting and clearing roadsides. Jason Lemmer reported the county workers are currently paving County Highway “L” and plan to cut and clear county roads once the State roads are complete.
13. **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. All ayes. Motion carried.

14. **Open Session – Take any necessary action on Items Discussed in Closed Session** – Motion by Meyer, seconded by Berndt to come back into open session. All ayes. Motion Carried. Lee stated no action from closed session taken.
15. **Commissioner’s Report on Highway Operations** –
 - a. Scholz reported he and Arlene Meyer attended the conference. They reported the new findings and changes on the State level.
 - b. Evasive species intern started and is working out well.
16. **Adjourn** - Motion by Rankin, seconded by Berndt to adjourn at 8:47 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.