

Lincoln County Highway Committee
Minutes of Thursday, November 4, 2010 – 7:30 a.m.
Commissioner's Office - Merrill

Members Present: Bob Lee, John Bailey, Graham Rankin, Arlene Meyer and Richard Berndt
Visitors: Heather Marheine, Randy Scholz, and Jerry Jagmin

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 meetings as printed. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. **Set Future Meetings:**
Thursday, December 2, 2010 - 7:30 a.m., Tomahawk City Hall - Tomahawk
Thursday, January 6, 2011 -7:30 a.m., Commissioner's Office - Merrill
4. **Claims:** None
5. **Public Comment** - No one was present for public comment.
6. **Winter Conference Attendance** – No one is able to attend.
7. **Sign Flood DMA** – Jagmin explained that the Committee had to sign the Sign Flood DMA which is acting upon the storm damage created in October on the state roads in Lincoln County.
Financial Report – No financial reports were available due to the billing ending date of October 31st.
8. **Report by Superintendents** – Jagmin explained that Lemmer is filling in for the State Patrol Superintendent at US 8 for the railroad tracks and couldn't attend the meeting. The railroad set the grades on the tracks wrong and they had to be re-set. The only reason we got involved was to get the road open sooner. The guys are getting ready for winter, paving the culvert patches and just re-shouldered Highway 51.
9. **Closed Session**
Convene into Closed Session pursuant to Sec. 19.85 (1)(e) Wis. Stats. For conducting other specified public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session – Nomination of Highway Commissioner – Motion by Bailey, seconded by Rankin to go into closed session along with Randy Scholz. All ayes by roll call vote. Motion carried.
10. **Open Session – Take any necessary action on Items Discussed in Closed Session** - Motion by Meyer, second by Berndt to reconvene into open session. All ayes. Motion Carried. Motion by Lee, seconded by Meyer to nominate Jerry Jagmin to the position of Highway Commissioner with full support of the Highway Committee and forward this recommendation to the County Board for election in November. All ayes. Motion carried.
11. **Commissioner's Report on Highway Operations**
 - a. **Bike Trail Funding** – Lincoln County is one of 9 counties to receive money for planning bike trails and walking trails in the County.
 - b. **2011 AFE Allocations** – Jagmin explained that Russ Habeck from the DOT will be at our next meeting to have the Committee sign the RMA's for 2011. The DOT didn't increase or decrease their overall maintenance budget for 2011 but Lincoln County's RMA be reduced by 2%. The reason for the reduction is Highway 51 around Merrill was paved, which shouldn't require as much maintenance and our winter wasn't as severe last year.

- c. **GTA** – Lincoln County is scheduled to receive 1.13 million dollars for 2011, this is an increase from what was budgeted by Scholz. The difference, \$33,966 was deducted from the Highway levy amount resulting in a neutral budget change for 2011.
- d. **Highway C Funding** – The Highway “C” funding has been finalized between Hwy. 17 and County Road G which will be an 80/20 project. This is a 1.4 million dollar project which is a STP project. Lincoln County’s portion is \$291,000.

The Chamber of Commerce approached Jagmin indicating they want to have a marathon in June using the Hiawatha Trail, Highway U, Highway 8, and Highway A. Jagmin alerted the committee of this and stated that they are working with the DOT at present to be able to use US 8. Once they get the response from them they can better finalize the route they will be using.

12. **Adjourn** - Motion by Rankin, seconded by Berndt to adjourn at 8:05 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.