

Lincoln County Highway Committee
Minutes of Friday, August 8, 2014 – 7:30 a.m.
Tomahawk City Hall - Tomahawk

Members Present: Bob Lee, Wayne Plant, Carl Vander Sanden, and Kortney Pike
Visitors: Mike VanDeWeerd, Heather Marheine, Jeff Weber, Phil Rausch, Steve Hommerding, Patti Olinski, Gregory Hofman, Cliff Hansen, Dean Clark, John Sorenson, Bob Bell, Jim Cleary, Larry Rydberg, Gregg Rummel, Matthew Venne, Scott Krause, Dave Muhn, Dan Adamec, and Jim Henke

1. **Call Meeting to Order:**
Meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.
2. **Minute of Silence for John Bailey** – members present spoke of John Bailey’s accomplishments and shared their memories
3. **Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)** – Motion by Vander Sanden, seconded by Pike to approve the minutes from the last meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. **Set Future Meetings:**
Thursday, September 4, 2014 – 7:30 a.m., Commissioner’s Office - Merrill
Thursday, October 2, 2014 – 7:30 a.m. Commissioner’s Office - Merrill
5. **Claims:** None
6. **Public Comment:** None
7. **Depart for Road Tour of Wayside at State Highway 8 and County Highway A – No action will be taken during Tour** – Left at 8:00 AM for road tour
 - a. Returned to Tomahawk City Hall at 8:33 AM
8. **ATV Routes and Policy** – VanDeWeerd showed the committee an updated route policy opening up requests to be taken year round instead of limiting them, and a listing of routes currently not open throughout Lincoln County that he feels are safe to be opened once the request is made. Committee signed the updated policy, VanDeWeerd to move the updated policy to the County Board for adoption. Lincoln County Highway Department agrees to purchase and install all ATV signage on routes and bill the costs to the requesting ATV clubs, the Highway Department will be receiving funding from the state for the Highway 8 & A project. Motion by Pike, seconded by Vander Sanden to approve using any unused funds from the 8 & A project to help pay for the ATV route signage and costs. All ayes. Motion passed. Further discussion was made regarding previously opened and any other route opening possibilities.
9. **Approve Jurisdictional Transfer of the Wayside at State Highway 8 and County Highway A -**
Motion made by Lee, seconded by Pike to approve Jurisdictional Transfer. All ayes. Motion Carried.
10. **Financial Report** – VanDeWeerd provided a 5-year October through December winter cost average and compared it to what we have left in our current budget. Contingency fund will be used as needed to cover the costs, then lowered to the required amount when replenishing it for the 2015 budget. Motion by Vander Sanden, seconded by Plant to forward this information onto finance for review and action to help relieve the Winter Maintenance shortfall. All ayes. Motion carried.
11. **Approval to move \$375,000 from General Maintenance to Road Fund for Upgrade of CTH R**
– Motion made by Vander Sanded, seconded by Pike to approve and sign the budget modification. All ayes. Motion carried and modification was signed.
12. **Approve Cost Share with Town of King**– Motion made by Pike, seconded by Plant to approve the cost share with the Town of King. All ayes. Motion Carried.
13. **Authorize Purchase of Snow Plow Equipment** – VanDeWeerd recommended the committee to accept the Monroe bid. Discussion was made. Motion made by Pike to purchase the snow plow equipment from Casper’s, no second, motion removed. Motion brought back by Pike, Seconded by Lee to purchase snow plow equipment from Casper’s and add the all stainless steel option. All Ayes. Motion carried.

14. **Authorize Purchase of Superintendents Truck**– Motion made by Vander Sanden, seconded by Pike to purchase the Superintendents Truck from Breaman Merrill Ford. All Ayes. Motion carried.
15. **Replacement of Authorized position (Highway Worker)** – Motion made by Pike, seconded by Vander Sanden to approve replacement of authorized Highway Worker position. All Ayes. Motion carried.
16. **Closed Session: Under Sec. 19.85 (1)(f) “considering medical, social or personal history of a specific person which, if discussed in public would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such history or data” – Leave of absence request – Larry Crossman** – Motion by Lee, seconded by Vander Sanden to go into closed session along with Mike VanDeWeerd. All ayes. Motion carried.
17. **Open Session: Take any necessary action on Item Discussed in Closed Session** – Motion made by Vander Sanden, seconded by Plant open session back up. All ayes. Motion Carried. Motion made by Pike, seconded by Plant to approve leave of absence request. All ayes. Motion Carried.
18. **Superintendents Reports** –
 - a. Monthly Work Schedules and Progress Reports - Weber gave his verbal report to the Committee.
19. **Commissioner’s Report on Highway Operations**
 - a. Update on Equipment – VanDeWeerd gave his verbal report to the committee
 - b. Update on Summer Projects – VanDeWeerd gave his verbal report to the committee
 - c. Routine Maintenance Agreement – VanDeWeerd gave his verbal report to the committee
20. **Adjourn** - Motion by Vander Sanden, seconded by Plant to adjourn at 9:27 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Heather Marheine and Mike VanDeWeerd