

**Highway Committee**  
November 8, 2022

Chair Max Weiss called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**Board Members Present:** Mr. Max Weiss, Mr. John Sendelbach, Mr. Steve Nelson, Mr. Dwight Ruff, and Mr. Brian Michaels.

**Others Present for All or Portions of the Meeting:** Mr. Bob Platteter, Mr. John DeWitt, Mr. Lee Engfer, Ms. Roxann Halverson, Ms. Janet LaDuke and Mr. Kelly Johnston.

**Review/Discussion regarding Public Comments:** None.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** Mr. Ruff made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Michaels. Carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding Vouchers:** Vouchers were reviewed and discussed. Mr. Michaels made a motion to approve payment, seconded by Mr. Sendelbach. Carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Open Patrol Position and Shop Foreman Position:** Mr. Platteter reviewed the number of applications received for the Patrol position. There will be interviews next week.

The Shop Foreman has been out since June and will have an extended leave of 12 months. It has reached a point to find a replacement for the position. There are two internal candidates that will be interviewed for the position. Mr. Platteter would like to backfill a position if an employee is chosen from within. Mr. Ruff made a motion to fill the Foreman position and backfill any vacancy that may occur due to promoting from within, seconded by Mr. Sendelbach. Carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding Delivery of Road Grader:** Mr. Platteter explained the new grader came about two weeks ago. It will need the radio and some decals installed and then will be ready for winter. The trucks that were purchased will more than likely not be delivered until next year.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding Building and Grounds – Fluid Secure, the Mondovi Building, and the Sign Shop Door:** Three AT&T signal boosters have been installed and will hopefully help with the connection issues for the Fluid Secure system.

Walters Buildings has not gotten back to Mr. Platteter on the wall issues at the Mondovi Shop. He also had Durand Builders look at the issue and they have not returned any calls as to what they found. The door has been fixed by Walters Buildings and is able to be used.

The Sign Shop door will be installed soon now that construction is complete.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Road Construction and Bridge Construction Updates:** Construction for the most part is complete. There are a few minor things that need to be completed (guard rail). The bridge on County Road HH is complete. A total of nine bridges were completed this year. County Road H will be completed next year with the City of Mondovi sewer line repair project. A discussion was had on the type of chip seal the City of Alma used and if the County could look at that same material.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding a Financial Status Review:** Ms. LaDuke indicated that July financials are just about complete, and she is working on August. Things should be done up through September by the time of the December Highway meeting. Chair Weiss discussed the billings to the towns and why they are so far behind. Ms. LaDuke indicated that she just sent out billings for August.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding the 2023 Budget:** Mr. Platteter indicated that there have been no changes to the proposed budget since the third draft. There has been money placed in the budget to sponsor one CDL certification.

**Commissioner Report:** Mr. DeWitt has been working with Riverland Energy to see why the electric bills have been so high for the shops. They will be running an energy audit and giving ideas on how to keep costs down.

Winter Road School will be January 23-25 in WI Dells. If any of the members would like to go the registration deadline is December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Committee Chair Report:** Chair Weiss indicated that there are still some issues with Recycling and the Recycling Committee is trying to work through them.

**The Committee May Go into Closed Session for Personnel Evaluation:** Mr. Ruff made a motion to go into closed session, seconded by Mr. Nelson. Mr. Weiss-yes, Mr. Sendelbach-yes, Mr. Ruff-yes, Mr. Nelson-yes, and Mr. Michaels-yes. Carried.

**The Committee May Return to Open Session:** Mr. Nelson made a motion to return to open session, seconded by Mr. Michaels. Mr. Weiss-yes, Mr. Sendelbach-yes, Mr. Ruff-yes, Mr. Nelson-yes, and Mr. Michaels-yes. Carried.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be December 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Adjourn:** Mr. Nelson made a motion to adjourn at 10:24 a.m., seconded by Mr. Ruff. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxann Halverson  
Buffalo County Clerk

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