

Ashland County Highway
Committee Meeting Minutes
STH 13 & Ryefield Rd.
Highbridge, WI 54846
November 10th, 2014

Regular monthly Highway Committee Meeting was held on November 10th, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the Ashland County Highway Department Conference Room in Highbridge, WI.

- Item 1. Meeting was called to order by Highway Committee Chairman Carl Kubley at 9:01 AM. Members in Attendance: Rick Korpela, Gary Kabasa, Ken Lindquist, Carl Kubley, and Jerry Teague. Also present: Emmer W. Shields, Jr., Highway Commissioner.
- Item 2. Approval of Agenda. Motion to approve agenda by Jerry Teague, 2nd by Gary Kabasa. Motion carried.
- Item 3. Approval of October 13th, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion to approve October 13th, 2014 meeting minutes, by Ken Lindquist, 2nd by Jerry Teague. Motion carried.
- Item 4. Public Comment – None
- Item 5. New and Old Business – Commissioner Shields discussed work schedule. The last month has consisted primarily of light maintenance; salt sand production; and equipment preparation for winter maintenance.

The Committee reviewed and signed the 2015 Routine Maintenance Agreement (RMA) from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT). The 2015 RMA amount is approximately \$930,000, which is an increase from 2014.

WIDOT has contacted the Department concerning the use of CTH C as a detour for the Silver Creek box culvert replacement project on STH 13. Compensation and terms for use will need to be developed. The Department hauled WIDOT salt from Superior to Highbridge two days last week. The DOT has a serious problem with the salt contracts for this winter season. Salt is available on the dock, but the salt companies are having difficulty arranging for transport.

Discussion on staffing levels was made. The Department is in need of a full time mechanic. Last winter, a limited term mechanic became available. This winter no such personnel have been found. Four seasonal applications were received. One applicant would be qualified as a relief driver, but no applications have mechanic experience. The Commissioner recommends hiring a full time mechanic and will check with the County Administrator for authorization to do so.

The Department hauled seven or eight loads of heavy rip-rap to Madeline Island to repair damage to a section of CTH H along Lake Superior on Russel Bay. The rock will be placed by an Island Contractor.

The Committee reviewed a draft ordinance prepared by the Commissioner for County implementation of Act 377, regarding Implements of Husbandry (IoH). The Committee approved Option "E", which calls for IoH axle weight limits to apply to all IoH equipment and vehicles, while on County Trunk Highways. A signed draft ordinance will be submitted to the County Administration for further processing.

- Item 6. Other Business – None
- Item 7. Approval of bills for the month. Motion to approve bills by Jerry Teague, 2nd by Rick Korpela. Motion carried.
- Item 8. Next meeting date – December 8th, 2014 at 9AM
- Item 9. Adjournment. Motion by Ken Lindquist to adjourn, 2nd by Rick Korpela. Motion carried. Committee adjourned at 10:10 a.m.