

Ashland County Highway  
Committee Meeting Minutes  
STH 13 & Ryefield Rd.  
Highbridge, WI 54846  
October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Regular monthly Highway Committee Meeting was held on October 12th, 2015 at 9:05 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 9:05 AM. Members in Attendance: Rick Korpela, Gary Kabasa, Carl Kubley, Jerry Teague and Ken Lindquist. Also present: Emmer W. Shields, Jr., Highway Commissioner and County Board Chairman Pete Russo.
- Item 2. Approval of Agenda. Motion to approve agenda by Jerry Teague, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Lindquist. Motion carried.
- Item 3. Approval of Minutes. Motion to approve September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 minutes made by Ken Lindquist, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerry Teague. Motion carried.
- Item 4. Public Comment - None
- Item 5. New and Old Business
- The Department is completing its final construction season work including lining 17 culverts on STH 169 and STH 77. The Haugen Road and River Road Projects have been completed. The Department will be making salt sand in the last week of October. The Department will be working on State Right-of-Way clearing as long as weather permits. A FECON unit has been rented from the DNR.
  - The Commissioner reviewed a memo he had delivered to the Finance Committee outlining concerns over the 2016 and 2017 budgets. The Department's operational budget has been declining since 1998 (17 years) when the last increase in the budget took place. The Commissioner is concerned by early estimates that shows, despite considerable revenue, the Department will start 2016 with less cash on hand than in 2015. It would appear the Department is facing a structural problem that will manifest itself due to the prolonged decline in County levy support. Considerations for 2016 include using improvement funds to maintain operations until the end of the year.
- Item 6. Other Business – Supervisor Jerry Teague indicated that the Department will be contacted soon about extending the Tri-County Corridor trail across the Bad River Reservation.
- Item 7. Approval of bills for the month. Motion to approve bills by Jerry Teague, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Kabasa. Motion carried.
- Item 8. Next Meeting Date – November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 9 AM.
- Item 9. Adjournment – Motion by Rick Korpela to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerry Teague. Motion carried. Committee adjourned at 9:35 AM.