

Ashland County Highway
Committee Meeting Minutes
STH 13 & Ryefield Rd.
Highbridge, WI 54846
May 9th, 2016

Reorganizational Highway Committee Meeting was held on May 9th, 2016 at 9:00 AM. at the Ashland County Highway Department Conference Room in Highbridge, WI.

- Item 1. Meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Pete Russo at 9:01 AM. Members in Attendance: Rick Korpela, Gary Mertig, Carl Kubley, Jerry Teague and Dick Pufall. Also present: Emmer W. Shields, Jr., Highway Commissioner, Pete Russo, County Board Chair, Rick Guthman, Clam Lake ATV Club and Dan Johnson, Tuscobia Trail ATV Club.
- Item 2. Chairman Russo entertained motions for the position of Chair of the Highway Committee. Nomination made by Jerry Teague for Carl Kubley to serve as Chair. No other nominations being made, Jerry Teague motioned to closed the nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Carl Kubley as Chair; seconded by Rick Korpela. Motion carried.
- Chairman Russo entertained nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Highway Committee. Nomination made by Carl Kubley for Jerry Teague to serve as Vice Chair. No other nominations being made, Carl Kubley motioned to closed the nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Jerry Teague as Vice Chair, seconded by Rick Korpela. Motion carried.
- Item 3. Approval of Agenda. Motion to approve agenda by Dick Pufall, 2nd by Rick Korpela. Motion carried.
- Item 4. Approval of Minutes. Motion to approve March 14th, 2016 minutes made by Gary Mertig, 2nd by Jerry Teague. Motion carried.
- Item 5. Public Comment - None
- Item 6. New and Old Business
- ATV Club request for CTH GG access - Mr. Rick Guthman (Clam Lake ATV) and Dan Johnson (Tuscobia Trails ATV) are requesting the use of approximately 0.8 miles of CTH GG to link the ATV routes on FR164. A trail had been previously approved by the Forest Service and County, but problems with the unimproved trail has resulted in the ATV clubs asking to use 0.8 miles of CTH GG as a route. After considerable discussion, it was decided to have Committee person Rick Korpela and Commissioner Shields meet on site to discuss solutions to the problem. Solutions include improving the trail; using part of the trail and a short section of CTH GG to accommodate ATV traffic; or open the 0.8 miles to ATV traffic.
 - Work Schedule - The Department is presently involved in the following work:
 - * Highway patching and repairs
 - * Shoulder maintenance
 - * Courthouse Parking Lot reconstruction
 - * Transition of Department trucks to summer mode including removal of winter equipment

The Department is preparing for a number of large projects in the 2016 construction season:

- * DOT shouldering - STH 13 and USH 2
- * DOT rut paving - STH 13
- * DOT cracksealing in Bayfield County
- * Storage building construction
- * Town culvert work

- Review of Equipment Purchases - The Department has purchased or ordered the following equipment during 2016:

- * Excavator
- * Tandem Truck with Winter Maintenance package
- * Patching unit for one ton truck
- * $\frac{1}{2}$ ton Pickup for Patrol Superintendent
- * Disc mower attachment for utility tractor

- Summer Road School - The WCHA Road School will be held from June 6th- 8th, 2016. Carl Kubley and Commissioner Shields will be attending

Item 7. Other Business - The Department has closed on the Childers property and now owns approximately 7 acres next to the Highbridge Shop. The Commissioner recently held a public information meeting on the James Peterson gravel pit to be operated on Ashland-Bayfield Road in the Town of Marengo.

Item 8. Approval of bills for the month. Motion to approve bills by Jerry Teague, 2nd by Rick Korpela. Motion carried.

Item 9. Next meeting date - June 13th, 2016 at 9 AM.

Item 10. Adjournment - Motion by Rick Korpela, 2nd by Dick Pufall . Motion carried. Committee adjourned at 10:40 AM.