

**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2009  
HURLEY HIGHWAY OFFICE**

Members Present: Jim Kichak, Tom Innes, Jim Lambert, Don Richards, and Bill Thomas

Absent Members: None

Also Present: John Nelson-Commissioner, Tana Osterman, Dennis DeRosso, and Craig Smits-  
WisDot Wisconsin Rapids

Kichak called meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

Roll call was taken no members absent.

The meeting was properly posted in the Iron County Miner, Ironwood Daily Globe and announced on WJMS and WUPM.

Motioned by Lambert, supported by Thomas to approve the minutes from the meeting on October 13, 2009. Motion carried.

Old Business: None

Sign 2010 WisDot Routine Maintenance Agreement: 2010 allocation \$933,600 decreased from 2009 agreement \$1,058,700. The state budget for 2009 was 134 million, and in 2010 was decreased to 119 million an 11.28% reduction. One million dollars was still allocated to Winter Severity with the northern counties receiving \$731,000, and Iron County receiving \$196,300. The priority of the state is winter severity and safety. Mowing, surveillance, and litter pickup have been reduced to balance the budget. The RMA reduction for Iron County was 11.82%, state average was 10.75%.

Richards suggests evaluating the equipment periodically such as tractors for mowing operations to make sure the equipment is cost effective with the services being decreased.

Commissioner noted the addendum to the agreement is new for this contract. The agreement indicates that either party may terminate the agreement with 90 day written notice if served prior to July 1, 2010.

Motion by Lambert, supported by Innes to sign the 2010 State Routine Maintenance Agreement. Motion carried.

Motioned by Richards, supported by Thomas to draft a resolution to adopt a Meeting Minute Policy. Motion carried.

Motioned by Richards, supported by Lambert to send the Commissioner and Kichak-Chairman to the Winter Highway Conference at the Kalahari Resort, January 11-13, 2010. Motion carried.

Budget: \$198,334 estimated year-end balance

- Commissioner will make an additional payment on the Peterbilt truck loan in December providing funds available.
- Department will purchase rubber asphalt for 2010 for state and county projects.

Commissioner's Report:

- CTH H project is ending for the season. Xcel was notified to relocate the telephone poles.
- Crew working on woody vegetation on the right-of-way along Hwy 51. The timber is being hauled to Pine Lake Pit and will be sold.
- CHIP D funding \$144,607.25 the project will be a 50/50 match. Commissioner will be applying for the project in 2011 on CTH FF for approximately 12,000ft to the bridge.
- Committee authorizes commissioner to purchase (14) 36 x 48 windows from Menards \$129ea for the Hurley shop. Crew will do the installation.

Public Comment – None

Motioned by Thomas, supported by Innes to approve the payment of the bills in October \$12,052.77 and November \$34,748.99. Motioned carried.

Next meeting date was schedule for Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 P.M.

Motioned by Thomas, supported by Lambert to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.

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