Meeting called to order by Highway Chair A. Dixon at 8:30 A.M. on February 18, 2008.

Absent:  J. Hofacker.


APPROVE AGENDA.
A Golat/DuSell motion to approve today’s agenda and move any agenda items as needed. Motion Passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.
A DuSell/Svoma motion to approve minutes of the January 21, 2008 Highway Committee meeting and the February 6, 2008 Highway Special meeting. Motion Passed.

REQUEST BY BLASKO FAMILY TO ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY for a portion of CTH “F” from the intersection of CTH “F” and CTH “D” to Ricebed Road.
The Blasko Family made a request to the Highway Committee to participate in the County Adopt-A-Highway program for a portion of CTH “F” from the intersection of CTH “F” and CTH “D” to Ricebed Road. The Highway Commissioner and Highway Committee reviewed the permit request.
A Svoma/Golat motion to approve the Adopt-A-Highway permit request from the Blasko Family. Motion Passed.

CHAIRMAN SIGNATURE – Local Public Agency Certificate of Right Of Way Acquisition.
The Highway Chairman signed the Local Public Agency Certificate of Right Of Way Acquisition for right-of-way along CTH “D” (194).

2008 STATE DMA’S – Committee review and motion to approve.
The State Routine Maintenance Agreements were submitted to the Highway Committee for signature along with an RMA State addendum that addresses liability concerns by the WCHA that may directly or indirectly expose the County Highway Department to liability for damages related to Section 893.83 (1) of Wisconsin Statutes.
A DuSell/Golat motion to approve State Routine Maintenance Agreements and State Addendum. Motion Passed.

OPEN BID – TWO (2) TRI-AXLE TRUCKS
Five bids were submitted for Committee review.

V & H Truck Inc. - $85,368.00 for Chassis only – LT9513 2008 Sterling
  Two (2) Trucks - $170,772.00

Mid-State - CAT Motor $97,300.00 for Chassis only – International 7600 SBA 6X4
  Two (2) Trucks - $194,600.00
  Cummins - $91,150.00 for Chassis only – International 7600 SBA 6x4
  Two (2) Trucks - $182,300.00

Monroe Truck Equipment – Truck Box $66,227.00
  Two (2) Truck Boxes - $132,454.00

Universal Truck Equipment – Truck Box $61,498.00
  Two (2) Truck Boxes - $122,996.00
Red Horse – Truck Box $71,397.00
Two Truck Boxes - $142,794.00

A Golat/DuSell motion to have the Highway Commissioner review all the truck and truck box specs submitted today and to bring the results of his review to the March Highway Committee meeting. Truck purchase shall be placed on the March agenda. Motion Passed.

DISCUSSION / POSSIBLE MOTION regarding status of current Highway Department Buildings.
The Highway Commissioner explained that in order to make efficient and effective decisions when relocating Highway Operations he would recommend a study be done by an engineer firm.
A Svoma/Golat motion to authorize the Highway Commissioner to request costs to have an engineer study done for relocating Highway Department Operations. Motion Passed.

DISCUSSION / POSSIBLE MOTION regarding status of county bridges.
The Highway Commissioner explained that 2008 is Bridge Inspection year and the County has many bridges that he will be moving forward into the State Bridge Program. In order to expedite the State Bridge Program process he will need to team up with an engineer firm regarding bridge analysis work.
A Golat/DuSell motion to authorize the Highway Commissioner to request the assistance of an engineer firm for structural analysis work on specific county bridges in order to expedite the State Bridge Program. Motion Passed.

CLOSED SESSION: Closed session announced by the Highway Chair to:
Review Highway Grievances, FMLA Leave and prepare for Highway Union Contract negotiations.
For considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. WI Stats 19.85 (1) (c)
For considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would likely have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations. WI Stats 19.85 (1) (f).
For conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. WI Stats 19.85 (1) (g).
A Golat/DuSell motion to go into closed session. Motion Passed.

OPEN SESSION – motion to return to open session.
A DuSell/Golat motion to return to open session. Motion Passed.

OPEN SESSION – Possible motion on items reviewed and discussed in closed session. No motions made as a result of the closed session.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER REPORT. Motion to approve.
Highway Equipment - The new John Deere (used) Tractor has been purchased and is in the Shop. The new Patrol Superintendents Truck is currently being set-up with lights and a deer guard. The new Shop Sweeper is purchased and is working very well in the shop. The new Highway Department scale installation will begin this Spring.
County Highway Projects 2008 – There have been some small changes to the 2008 CTH “W” project regarding wetland mitigation. Blacktop Plant Upgrade is coming along without any problems.

HIGHWAY FINANCIAL REPORT. Motion to approve.
N. Mertes reported that the 2007 Closing of Highway Books is half way finished and should be completed by mid March. The 2007 Closing Fund Statement will be presented at the March Highway Committee meeting.

HIGHWAY OFFICE REPORT. Motion to approve.
N. Mertes presented a verbal report of the current Highway Office activities.

ACTION ON MONTHLY VOUCHERS.
None were presented.

SIGN PRE-APPROVED VOUCHERS.
Highway pre-approved vouchers in the amount of $587,951.87 were presented today for Committee signature and approval.
A DuSell/Svoma motion to approve the pre-approved vouchers in the amount of $587,951.87. Motion Passed.

SET DATE FOR NEXT HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
The next Highway Committee meeting is set for 8:30 a.m. on March 24th 2008 at the Rusk County Highway Department.

ADJOURN.
A Golat/DuSell motion to adjourn. Motion Passed.
Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Highway Office Manager N. Mertes.
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