

Prior to this meeting, notice was given to the public by posting at the appropriate place in the Courthouse, Eagle River City Hall, Olson Memorial Library and in addition, copies of the notice of the meeting were forwarded to the news media: Vilas County News Review, Lakeland Times, Rhinelander Daily News, Northwoods River News, FYI Northwoods News, News of the North and Radio Stations WERL, WHDG, WLSL-FM, Coyote 93.7 in compliance with the open meeting law.

Members Present - Highway Committee: Charles Rayala, Jr., Ron De Bruyne, Vernon Wiggerhauser, and Willy Otterpohl. Not Present: Al Bauman. Also Present: Jarred Maney-Hwy Commissioner/Patrol Superintendent, Louise Krus- Highway Committee Secretary, Jason Hilger – Finance Manager. Members Present – Forestry Committee: Steve Doyan, Rocky Caffarella, Ken Anderson, and Willy Otterpohl. Not Present: Art Kunde – (came to meeting at 10:50 a.m.) Also Present: Dale Mayo-Forestry Department and Snowmobile Trail Coordinator, Jeff Currie, Ann Currie, Dan Swiecichowski, Mike Schindler, Mary Schindler, Brian Jopek – Lakeland Times, and Joe Fath – Vilas County Sheriff.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Charles Rayala, Chairman of the Highway Committee and Steve Doyan, Chairman of the Forestry Committee.

It was verified that the meeting had been properly posted to all committee members and the public at all appropriate places.

Motion by De Bruyne, second by Otterpohl to approve the agenda for the July 14, 2014 meeting to be discussed in any order by the Chair – all voted aye.

Motion by De Bruyne, second by Wiggerhauser to approve the Highway Committee minutes of the June 9th, and 17th meetings – all voted aye.

ATV Route on CTH “A” – Doyan spoke to both committees and explained that the actual road would be used for approximately 6 ½ miles in two sections. The Town of Phelps has approved this and Forest County has approved the use of “A” in Forest County for ATV’s. Doyan said that he would like to use a Forest Service Road rather than “A” in one area if that could be approved. Rayala mentioned that he had received some letters from Vilas County residents expressing strong opposition to using county roads for ATVs. Jarred said that the traffic count on “A” is about 530 cars per day which is much less than more busy county roads which have about 2600 cars per day and that the Town of Phelps has a two year time limit on this trail. Motion by Otterpohl, second by De Bruyne to draft a joint resolution to allow the use of “A” for the ATV trail – Motion by Anderson, second by Caffarella to draft the joint resolution to allow the use of “A” for the ATV trail - discussion followed. Wiggerhauser would like to have a survey done from the Sheriff’s Dept. regarding the safety issues regarding ATV use on county roads. Voting on the motion – Forestry Committee members – all voted aye. Highway Committee members – voting aye – De Bruyne, Otterpohl and Rayala – voting no – Wiggerhauser. Joe Fath – Vilas County Sheriff came to the meeting at 11:02 a.m. to discuss safety issues with the committees. He said that he did not have any reports from other counties regarding any accidents or incidents regarding ATVs where they were allowed on county roads.

Land Use Agreement – Conover Bike Trail – Hwy “K” – Dale Mayo explained that this trail would be on Hwy “K” right of way and that it would be a bike/pedestrian trail and that this segment would be a paved trail. Motion by De Bruyne, second by Otterpohl to accept this Land Use Agreement – all voted aye.

Forestry Committee was adjourned at 11:15 a.m. by Chairman Doyan. Highway Committee to continue with Highway agenda items.

Discuss Stop & Go Light at intersection of “47”, “D” & “Little Pine” – Al Bauman is doing some checking on this and Jarred also mentioned that the DOT should be included in the discussion – no action taken – have on a future agenda.

Constitutional Amendment for Highway Funds – Have on the Highway Committee September agenda.

Open bids for CHIP D – Hwy “K” – There was only one bid from Pitlik & Wick for \$235,750.00. This is for one mile and Jarred said that the money is in our budget. Motion by Otterpohl, second by De Bruyne to accept the bid from Pitlik & Wick – all voted aye.

Open bids for sale of used Highway Dept. equipment – Klessig Tree Service bid \$14,750.00 for the Case 550 bulldozer. Motion by De Bruyne, second by Wiggenhauser to reject this bid – all voted aye. The Town of Conover bid \$4500.00 for the used Chipper – Motion by De Bruyne, second by Otterpohl to accept this bid – all voted aye.

State Municipal Project Agreement – Jarred told the committee that this is for the STP Rural Project on CTH “M” and it is the first step in this process – Motion by De Bruyne, second by Otterpohl to approve – all voted aye.

Update on Roads, Equipment and Building and Grounds – Equipment - Jarred told the committee that four of our trucks need some repairs that will cost \$4356.00 per truck. **Building and Grounds** – There were just two bids for the roof repairs at Eagle River & Boulder Junction – Urban Construction’s bid was for \$9291.00 – for the Boulder Junction shop only – Custo Foam Corp. bid \$21,500.00 for both the Boulder Junction and Eagle River shops. Motion by De Bruyne, second by Otterpohl to accept the bid from Custo Foam Corp. – all voted aye. **Roads** – nothing new at this time.

Budget 2014 – No discussion & no action taken.

Discuss preliminary 2015 Budget – Jason Hilger discussed the budget issues with the committee – Road & Bridge Construction for 2015 has increased – there needs to be more road construction done each year or the Vilas County roads will be in bad condition. The Road & Bridge Construction for 2015 was the most important issue that was discussed. No action taken at this time.

Approve Payroll Reports, Highway Committee Vouchers & Clothing Allowance – Motion by Otterpohl, second by Wiggenhauser to approve – all voted aye.

Public Comments on Agenda Items – No one from the public was present at this time.

August Meeting Date – Wednesday, August 20th at 10:00 a.m.

Letters and Communications – nothing new at this time.

Motion by Wiggenhauser, second by Otterpohl to adjourn – all voted aye.

Meeting adjourned at 12:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise A. Krus, Secretary Vilas County Highway Committee

