



MARATHON COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 1, 2019, at 9:00 a.m.

Marathon County Highway Department, 1430 West Street, Wausau, WI 54401

Attendance:	Present	Excused	Absent
John Robinson, Chair	X		
Richard Gumz, Vice-Chair		X	
Tom Seubert	X		
Alan Christensen			X
Sandi Cihlar	X		
Jeff Johnson	X		
Allen Opall	X		

Also Present: Lance Leonhard, Kevin Lang, Jim Griesbach, Kendra Pergolski, Dominique Swangstu, Laura Shulte, Jon Graveen, Beth Nemeck, Jay Knoke, Andrew Lynch, Becky Frisch, Peter Weischenk, Dave Mack

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Robinson at 9:00 a.m.

2. Public Comment – Jon Graveen, Village Trustee of Maine, appeared and expressed concern regarding the intersection on County Road K; he advocated for a roundabout.

**3. Approval of the Minutes of the July 11, 2019 Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes
**MOTION BY SEUBERT, SECOND BY OPALL, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 11, 2019,
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.****

4. Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination

- A. Request of Change of Access Restrictions for Parcels 5 & 9 of West Arterial (County Road "R") Right of Way Plat, State R/W Project Number 6675-00-01.

Discussion: Commissioner Griesbach explains the request for change of access for Parcels 5 & 9 on County Road R. Kevin Lang addressed potential issues that may arise long-term.

Action: MOTION BY SEUBERT, SECOND BY JOHNSON, TO APPROVE MOVING THE ACCESS RESTRICTIONS FOR PARCELS 5 & 9 ON CTH R RIGHT-OF-WAY PLAT FOR STATE PROJECT ID 6675-00-01 TO ALLOW A STREET ACCESS APPROXIMATELY 996' FEET SOUTH OF SNOWFLAKE LANE; PENDING WRITTEN CONFIRMATION FROM THE OWNER OF PARCEL 9 THAT ANY FUTURE ACCESS WILL BE VIA THE EXISTING RESIDENTIAL DRIVEWAY WITHOUT WIDENING, OR VIA AN IMPROVED ACCESS APPROXIMATELY 500' FROM SNOWFLAKE LANE.

Follow through: N/A

- B. Policy and Procedure Manual Update
1. Economic Criteria for Highway Upgrades to All Season Roads

Discussion: Griesbach reviewed the general approach and potential packet with the committee. Discussion between committee members ensued relating to the "score" reflecting general priorities, threshold criteria, integration of each towns' long-term plans and budgetary constraints. Griesbach reiterated that the packet is merely an evaluation tool, not an approval tool.

Follow through: N/A

- C. Setting County Road Priorities for New State Budget

Discussion: Griesbach reviewed potential projects that offer the most growth and added safety to the community for application submission relating to the new state budget: development of County Road X, County Road N repavement, County Road WW projects. Griesbach relayed the importance of leveraging state dollars and aid.

Follow through: N/A

5. Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution: NONE

- 6. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**
A. County Regulation Authority on Wind Farms

Discussion: The committee continued discussion relating to the overview of its regulatory authority. Dominique Swangstu of Conservation, Planning and Zoning, offered to answer any questions the committee may have regarding the wind farms and the correlated legislation compliance. Swangstu updated the committee with its current status and planned implementation.

Cihlar, in an effort to be transparent, presented the committee with a newspaper article which addressd the opposition neighboring counties incurred.

Follow through: N/A

- B. Broadband Update

Discussion: Klein addressed the committee with updates on the “Design 9” project, ideas on funding, rings of fiber and newly passed 5G regulation.

Follow through: N/A

- C. Cyber Security by G. Klein

Discussion: Klein, through a power point, identified popular methods of fraud and fishing scams hackers tend to practice. Klein also advised ways to protect your information on the web.

Follow through: N/A

- D. County Road K Wausau to North County Line Public Official Meeting update

Discussion: Griesbach presented the committee with different options for said project pointing out pros and cons to each, price targets, industry standards, budgeting, and maintenance. Griesbach stated that the Public Official Meeting had mixed reviews in regard to each option with no definite consensus. Griesbach and Chair Robinson also addressed the process by which the committee moves forward with decisions.

Follow through: Committee requests Griesbach to provide information relating to each option: capital cost, operational cost, safety issues (accident reports for the past five years), and local impact.

- E. ATV/UTV Update of Request

Discussion: Griesbach explained how he is currently working with the Town of Elderon and the Sheriff's Department relating to alternative routes.

Follow through: N/A

- F. Wisconsin County Highway Association Update

Discussion: Griesbach stated that the next meeting is set for August 27, 2019.

Follow through: N/A

- G. Highway Commissioner's Report

Discussion: Griesbach expounds on the information in his written report.

Follow through: N/A

- H. City County Information Technology Commission Report

Discussion: Klein provided the committee with a handout recapping CCIT's current projects. Klein noted the key projects: Superior, land records, the redesign of the county website, security systems, and the beginning stages of new financial and HR system.

Follow through: N/A

6. Announcements:

a. Future meetings and agenda items:

1. September 5, 2019 Monthly Infrastructure Meeting
2. 2019 Culvert Bridge Aid Program
3. 2019 Fall Legislative Breakfast, October 18, 2019, Holiday Inn, Stevens Point, WI

7. Adjourn

**MOTION TO ADJOURN BY CIHLAR, SECOND BY JOHNSON, MOTION CARRIED. MEETING
ADJOURNED AT 12:13 P.M.**

Minutes prepared

By Kendra Pergolski on August 14, 2019