



MARATHON COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 1, 2020, 9:00 a.m.
Marathon County Highway Department, Wausau, WI

Attendance:	Present	Excused	Absent
Randy Fifrick, Chair	x		
Sandi Cihlar, Vice-Chair	x		
John Robinson	x		
Jeff Johnson	x		
Alan Christensen	x		
Richard Gumz	x		
Chris Dickinson	x		

Also Present: James Griesbach, Kevin Lang, Kendra Pergolski, Gerry Klein, Brian Grefe, Jean Kopplin, Jean Maszk, Dave Mack, Craig McEwen, Lance Leonhard, Andrew Lynch, Tim Meis

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Cihlar at 9:01 a.m.
2. **Public Comment:** Tim Meis addressed the committee with concerns regarding wild parsnips near the Town of Knowlton.
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the September 3, 2020, and September 10, 2020, Infrastructure Committee Meetings**
MOTION BY CHRISTENSEN, SECOND BY JOHNSON, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 3, 2020 AND SEPTEMBER 10, 2020, INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS. MOTION CARRIED.
4. **Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination: N/A**
5. **Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution: N/A**
6. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion: N/A**

A. Central Wisconsin Airport Update

Discussion: Grefe addressed the committee regarding Central Wisconsin Airport updates including: the 2021 budget (\$5,125,520.00) which consists of no levied tax payer dollars, the airport is running at roughly 45% with a steady increase, and the concourse renovation has been completed. Grefe also advised that the Presidential visit went smoothly

B. Accomplishments of the Infrastructure Committee: Strategic Plan

Discussion: McEwen addressed the committee to review accomplishments and goals of the Infrastructure Committee as set forth in the Marathon County Strategic Plan 2018-2020. He detailed the value in the form prepared to address each objective by noting the strategy, actionable item, contributors, status and action.

C. Broadband Update

Discussion: Robinson expounded on the current task forces strategies in trying to drive providers to provide services to problem areas and meet service adequacy to said area. He touched on the initiative to resolve issues with virtual learning through meetings with area schools.

D. Update of Long-term Transportation Plan

Discussion: Griesbach informed the committee that he is hopeful to have the safety study by the end of the month. Griesbach elaborated on the benefits of a borrowing strategy that would maximize General Transportation Aid funding in the future. He also stressed the value that said borrowed money would provide to the overall roadway maintenance.

E. Presentation on How Wild Parsnips are Handled Throughout the County

Discussion: Griesbach provided the committee with a presentation on wild parsnips including: how to identify them, threatening areas in the county, what is used to kill invasive species, and the mowing/spraying times of the summer.

F. Covid-19 Related IT Projects

Discussion: Klein defined what projects are currently taking place internally vs externally. Internally, they are trying to improve county conference rooms, small video systems, and improving the wi-fi outside. Externally, they are working on extending or introducing fiber in specific areas including Hatley and Rothschild.

G. City County Information Technology Department Update

Discussion: Currently, the CCIT Department is working to expand access at our own facilities and then seeking reimbursement for those expansions in an effort to mitigate the spread of Covid-19.

H. Highway Commissioner's Report

Discussion: Report provided.

7. **Announcements:**

A. Future meetings and location, agenda topics
November 5, 9:00 AM, 1430 West Street, Wausau

8. **Adjourn**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY FIFRICK. MOTION CARRIED.
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:30AM.**

Minutes prepared

By Kendra Pergolski on October 1, 2020.