



MARATHON COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 5, 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, Dave Mack, Lance Leonhard, Andrew Lynch, Jason Hake

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Fifrick at 9:00 a.m.
- 2. Public Comment:** N/A
- 3. Approval of the Minutes of the October 1, 2020, Infrastructure Committee Meetings**
MOTION BY CIHLAR, SECOND BY ROBINSON, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 1, 2020, INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.
- 4. Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination:**
 - Update on Broadband Expansion Efforts and Authorization to Support Broadband Grant Application(s) to Public Service Commission (PSC)
Discussion: Robinson addressed the committee regarding the intent to expand fiber to public buildings, water towers, schools and libraries to improve internet needs in the county. He also stated that the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin voted to approve funding to expand broadband service across the state with applications being due December 1, 2020; awards are expected to be given spring 2021. Robinson emphasized the importance of 'letters of support' needed from individuals, local businesses, and local governments, to support said grant application.
Action: MOTION BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY DICKINSON, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AND FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD. MOTION CARRIED.
Follow through: N/A
- 5. Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution: N/A**
- 6. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion: N/A**
 - Capital Funding Projects
Discussion: Commissioner Griesbach advised the committee of the General Transportation Aid forecast going forward focusing on bonding projects. Griesbach also informed the committee of the prospective bridge projects including deck replacements, box culverts and pavement replacements.
 - EDP Renewables Wind Farm Update
Discussion: Griesbach informed the committee that movement on the wind farm project would not likely take place until 2024.
 - CCIT Update
Discussion: Report provided. Klein did report on internal solutions regarding fiber projects at the Highway Department's Hatley shop and Solid Waste Department.

D. Commissioner's Report
Discussion: Report provided.

7. **Announcements:**

A. Future meetings and location, agenda topics
December 3, 9:00 AM, 1430 West Street, Wausau

8. **Adjourn**

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

Minutes prepared
By Kendra Pergolski on November 19, 2020.