



MARATHON COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 7, 2020, 9:00 a.m.
Marathon County Highway Department, Wausau, WI

Attendance:	Present	Excused	Absent
Randy Ffrrick, 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, Lance Leonhard, Craig McEwen, Brian Grefe, Miranda Osterberg, Dave Mack

- Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Ffrrick at 9:02 a.m.
- Public Comment:** N/A
- Approval of the Minutes of the April 2, 2020, Infrastructure Committee Meeting**
MOTION BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY CHRISTENSEN, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2, 2020, INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.
- Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination:** N/A
- Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution:**
 - Central Wisconsin Airport Resolution for Airport Improvement
Discussion: Brian Grefe, Director of Central Wisconsin Airport, advised the committee of the ongoing master plan projects and looked to the committee for support regarding Airport Improvement Aid.
Action: MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECOND BY CIHLAR, TO RECOMMEND THE RESOLUTION MOVE FORWARD TO THE COUNTY BOARD FOR APPROVAL. MOTION CARRIED.
Follow through: N/A
 - County Road "E" Driveway Variance Clarence Oertel, Town of McMillan
Discussion: Commissioner Griesbach informed the committee of the request made by Mr. Oertel regarding the driveway permit. Griesbach also informed the committee of the visual impairment and dangers of the potential driveway access as well as the Highway Department's driveway policy. Griesbach advised the committee that Mr. Oertel has the right to appeal the denial of his proposed permit to the committee even though the driveway does not meet the standard requirements.
Action: MOTION BY GUMZ, SECOND BY JOHNSON, TO DISAPPROVE THE CURRENT APPLICATION REQUEST MADE BY MR. OERTEL REGARDING THE DRIVEWAY ACCESS PERMIT. MOTION CARRIED.
Follow through: N/A
- Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**
 - Overview of Airport Operations
Discussion: Brian Grefe gave the committee a broad overview of the Central Wisconsin Airport's daily operations; how revenue is generated; the current status on travel impacted by Covid-19; the current runway configuration and eventual goals of configuration; the concourse rehabilitation; new equipment purchased; and a brief description of the new Ascension hangers.
 - Overview of Highway Operations
Discussion: Commissioner Griesbach provided the committee with a broad overview of the Highway Department including: maintenance of highways, bridge projects, types of work they're currently involved with, their paving program, emergency systems and trailers, winter service, and culvert projects.
 - Committee Role and Responsibilities
 - Operational decision-making – areas where this committee frequently approves operational functions

Discussion: Lance Leonhard gives the new members an overview of the mission and purpose of the committee; how policies are developed; implications of the strategic plan; and an overview of how the agendas are constructed.

D. Infrastructure Long Term Transportation & Capital Improvement Plan

Discussion: Commissioner Griesbach provided the committee with a summary of previous events and an update of things to come. The initial steps have been taken in performing a safety audit with the only part left being the actual signing of the contract. Griesbach identified this to be a 12-18 month project.

E. County's Role in Ensuring Access to 911 Service

Discussion: Robinson recapped the committees work on this issue over the past year honing in on the March 5, 2020, meeting with Frontier to address issues. Robinson addressed the areas of importance moving forward to be: to develop a better database to try to identify needs, to work with other Marathon County departments to track high-risk areas for lack of service, and enhance broadband by fostering the expansion.

F. Broadband Update

Discussion: Melinda Osterberg explained the process of hiring Design 9 and the study of broadband feasibility they provided. Osterberg touched on outstanding education gaps regarding broadband, forming a task force, and potential grant funding. She stated that the overall goal is to provide affordable, reliable internet throughout the county.

G. Wisconsin County Highway Association Summer Road School Update

Discussion: Commissioner Griesbach advised that the road school has been moved to August 10-12, 2020.

H. ATV/UTV Policy/ Update

Discussion: Commissioner Griesbach updated the committee advising that more applications have been received; it has been an easy transition; and there has been a prominent positive response from the townships.

I. Wisconsin County Highway Association Update

Discussion:

J. Highway Commissioner's Report

Discussion: Commissioner Griesbach provided the committee with the report.

K./L. Current IT Projects/ City County Information Technology Commission Report

Discussion: Klein provided the committee with the report.

7. Announcements:

- A. Future meetings and location, agenda topics
June 4, 9:00 AM, 1430 West Street, Wausau

8. Adjourn

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:41AM.

Minutes prepared

By Kendra Pergolski on May 12, 2020.