



## MARATHON COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 1, 2021, 9:00 a.m.  
Marathon County Courthouse, 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, Kendra Pergolski, Kevin Lang, Dave Mack, Lance Leonhard, Gerry Klein, Andrew Lynch, Jamie Polley, Brian Grefe, Judy Pagryzinski, Jean Maszk, Keith Donner, Scott Turner, Dennis Gillingham

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Fifrick at 9:03 a.m.
2. **Public Comment:** Judy Pagryzinski of Ringle, representing Rural Riders, addressed the committee with a request of a one year trial consideration be made in order to open all roads that are traveled by less than 750 people per day to ATV/UTV use.

Dennis Gillingham of Rib Mountain made a statement regarding the speed limit reduction request on Highway NN citing the reason for the request being the dips in the road and the residential population as the main factors.

3. **Approval of the Minutes of the June 3, 2021, Infrastructure Committee Meetings**  
**MOTION BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY CIHLAR, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 3, 2021, INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.**
4. **Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination:**
  - A. Sewer, Water and Trail Easement to Camp Phillips  
**Discussion:** Commissioner Griesbach reviewed with the committee the easement request made by the Village of Weston. The committee discussed the practicality of keeping the parcel due to the fact that the easement would essentially render the parcel useless. Due to the parcel being a surplus of land and the language in the easement being unbeneficial to the county, the committee suggested selling the property to the Village of Weston. Keith Donner, Village of Weston Administrator, noted that the Village would potentially be interested in the purchase through a land swap. Discussion between committee members ensued regarding the benefits of a two-year easement and the reasoning behind the incentive Weston would have to purchase the land after the easements expiration.  
**Action: MOTION BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY DICKINSON, TO GRANT A TEMPORARY EASEMENT NOT TO EXCEED TWO YEARS, INCLUDING A MODIFICATION TO THE LANGUAGE IN PARAGRAPH 3 (ELIMINATING THE LAST SENTENCE) AND TO DIRECT STAFF TO ENGAGE WITH THE VILLAGE OF WESTON REGARDING THE POTENTIAL LAND SWAP. MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Follow through: N/A**
5. **Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution:**
  - A. Use of ATV/UTV on County Highway System  
**Discussion:** The committee discussed the proposed changes to the current ordinance citing that the changes allow for better understanding and easier policing.  
**Action: MOTION BY CHRISTENSEN, SECOND BY ROBINSON, TO APPROVE THE CHANGES AND ADOPT THE UNIFORM SPEED LIMIT AMENDMENT AND FORWARD TO THE COUNTY BOARD. MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Follow through:** A request by Dickinson was made to provide data for counties that currently have open roads; accidents of ATV/UTV's; how many registered users there are; and a summary of state laws surrounding ATV/UTV's.
  - B. Request for Speed Limit Reduction on CTH NN from Redwing Road and Greenhouse Road

**Discussion:** Kevin Lang reviewed his summary of the analysis he did on Highway NN (attached in packet). Lang cited that the request would be a continuation of a 45 mph zone. Lang stated there was no strong evidence that supports the request should or shouldn't be lowered to 45mph. Scott Turner of Rib Mountain stated that they would be willing to place flashing light signs on the new speed limit sign in order to get residents to adjust to the new speed.

**Action: MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECOND BY CIHLAR, TO ADOPT THE CHANGE TO THE SPEED LIMIT REQUEST ON HIGHWAY NN. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Follow through: N/A**

**6. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion:**

A. Airport Update

**Discussion:** Brian Grefe provided the committee with a presentation on all current updates occurring with the airport: new runway construction, new hangar construction and updated statistics on flight travel currently vs. this time last year.

B. Broadband Update

**Discussion:** Robinson addressed the committee regarding the American Recovery Act applications providing details on timelines and expectations associated with said applications. He also touched on the current status with Bugtussle and shortage in the supply of fiber.

C. CCIT Update

**Discussion:** Report provided.

D. Commissioner's Report

**Discussion:** Report provided.

**7. Announcements:**

A. Future meetings and location, agenda topics  
August 5, 9:00 AM, Marathon County Courthouse

B. Ransomware Risks (Klein)

**8. Adjourn**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN BY DICKINSON, SECOND BY CHRISTENSEN. MOTION CARRIED.  
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:37 AM.**

Minutes prepared

By Kendra Pergolski on July 7, 2021.