

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING
Douglas County Board of Supervisors
March 2, 2022, 9:30 a.m., Board Room, Second Floor, Government Center
1316 North 14th Street, Superior, Wisconsin

Meeting called to order by Chair Baker.

ROLL CALL: Present – Nick Baker, Pat Ryan, Samuel Pomush, Scott Luostari. Others present – Shelley Nelson (remote), Jim Borgeson (remote), Candy-Holm Anderson, Valerie Chammings, Tara Krista (remote), Jason Jackman, Craig Plummer, Keith Olson, Myron Olson, Kevin Macki, Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Pomush, second Ryan, to approve the minutes from the January 5, 2022, meeting. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS/REFERRALS: Seasonal Laborer Hourly Wage Increase: Reviewed. Memo attached – requesting increase due to staffing difficulties and low applicant numbers. No impact to the budget is expected.

ACTION (REFERRAL/RESOLUTION): Motion by Ryan, second Luostari, to approve Seasonal Laborer Hourly Wage Increases as presented, and refer to Administration and County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL/REPORTS:

CTH-H Design Update: Tara Krista, SEH, provided updates on project, at about 30-40% currently, just finished up modeling, need to meet with DNR to finalize plans and should be at 60% in April/May. Myron Olson – Supervisor, Town of Brule, expressed concerns about making the road able to accommodate heavy loads, and would like to see it under state jurisdiction if possible. Jackman advised roads are designed for trucks and federal funding cannot be used to overbuild the county road to state specifications. Keith Olson also expressed concern for how soon the project will get completed. Krista also commented on CTH-U, which is at 60% design and CTH-M, with phase 1 borings set for March.

Projects: Jackman reported CTH-C slated for 2024 construction, and working with the state for railroad and trail coordination. Right-of way acquisition has not started yet.

Administrative: Jackman reported seeking approval for Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding for CTH-G shovel ready pulverize and pave project. Staffing update, job offers coming this week for two operators pending physicals, waiting for background checks on three other individuals, hopefully fully staffed in a few months.

Maintenance: Plummer reported snow removal in progress, steamers ready for the thaw, and patching starting soon.

Equipment: Plummer reported two new trucks ordered, with one completed and one waiting to be finished by the end of the month. Ordered new loader for 2022. New backup generator at Hawthorne was installed and will be running soon.

Budget: Anderson reviewed the preliminary budget for the time ending December 31, 2021.

Future Agenda Items: Letter received from Highway Department staff regarding wages.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Luostari, second Pomush, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Submitted by,

Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk