

NOTICE OF AN ELECTRONIC MEETING

The following meeting will have a videoconferencing/teleconferencing option. The public may attend in person at the location noted on the agenda. The public is encouraged to attend via electronic means.

	Public Works Committee APPROVED MINUTES Monday January 31, 2022 – 5:00 pm Health & Human Services Center – Community Room 303 W. Chapel Street Dodgeville, Wisconsin	Iowa County Wisconsin
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<i>Any subject on this agenda may become an action item.</i>		
1	The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Sup. Gollon	
2	All members present: Gollon, Butteris, Deal, Masters, Storti, and Meyers	
3	Others present: Administrator Bierke, Operations Manager Wenger, Sup. Meyers. Attending via zoom: Land Conservation Abbott, Mike Hendrickson, Paul Schaaf. Sup. Leix joined the meeting at 5:12PM	
4	Sup. Deal moved to approve, seconded by Sup. Butteris; the agenda for this meeting and the minutes for January 3, 2022. Motion to approve unanimously. Next meeting date was set to be held Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 6:00PM	
5	Sup. Gollon inquired about the plow routes and scheduling. Hardy explained the scheduling and referenced the County Highway Snow and Ice Control policy. Also, explained due to staffing vacancies; the County has been doubling up on CTH routes (that is 2 or 3 plow drivers will plow 3 or 4 routes in lieu of one for one), so frequencies and timing are different than normal operations. The Department has been working on filling six vacancies.	
6	The resolution authorizes the County Conservationist to apply for and implement a DNR Municipal Dam Grant and is required for the application. The grant would cover 50% of the cost of replacing the valve at Birch Lake (Twin Parks #7) dam. A previous estimate for the repair was approximately \$31,000. The repair is expected to be higher due to NRCS's request for the County to hire a private engineer rather than using NRCS engineers. A cost estimate from Jewell Engineering is pending. Sup. Storti moved to approve to send to the County Board, seconded by Butteris; Resolution authorizing participation in the Municipal Dam Grant program.	
7	The wolf population resolution template was forwarded to Abbott and Sup Gollon from Sup Meyers, who received it from Laurie Groskopf, a citizen of Lincoln County associated with wisconsinwolffacts.com. Ms. Groskopf sent it in anticipation of an upcoming public comment period on DNR's draft Wolf Management Plan. Iowa County passed a resolution template stated a goal of 350 wolves or less; at their January meeting the Land Conservation Committee voted to recommend a goal of 100 or less. After discussion the Committee; the Chair called for action on the Resolution by the Committee members with no response and no action..	
8	Abbott went over the 2021 Land Conservation Department Annual Report and the 2022 Land Conservation Work Plan. The Department's long term goals for 2022 are: 1) Increase farmland and infrastructure resilience to heavy rains and drought. 2) Facilitate farmer investment in conservation practices.	

	3) Improve Groundwater Quality 4) Facilitate a culture of conservation in the farm community. 5) Increase NR151 Compliance. 6) Improve surface water quality. Abbott announced the Department did receive a grant for this. 7) Improve office organization and tracking.
8	Hardy explained the plat for CTH F needed to be updated to include an 8th parcel owned by Wisconsin Power & Light. Hardy is requesting a motion for the revision of the right of way plat. Sup. Storti moved to approve the Right of way Plat and Relocation Order for CTH F 5034-00-02 Parcel 8. Seconded by Sup. Masters. Motion carried unanimously.
9	Hardy explained the Federal Infrastructure and Investment Jobs Act that was signed into law November 15, 2021 and the potential funding opportunities for improvements, and its' effect on the 5-year capital plan. The Committee discussed different strategies for capital and preventative maintenance investments for revisions to the 5-year capital plan. The fiscal impact varies depending on the grants applied for and awarded. Typically there is a 20% overall local cost share match requirement.
10	Hardy is requesting the committee set a cost per acre for warranty deed or permanent easements. Hardy reviewed parcel sales in 2021 for the Towns of Arena, Brigham, and Waldwick to help set acquisition offering prices for right of way negotiations. The committee was given the sales history for parcels in 2021 for each township to determine an average cost per acre based on those locations. Sup. Storti moved to set the offering price for right of way acquisitions in 2022 at the average price per acre rounding up to the nearest \$100; Town of Arena = \$5,700, Town of Brigham = \$8,700, and Town of Waldwick = \$4,100; in addition a minimum value of \$250 was set for any parcel's acquisition. Seconded by Sup. Masters. Motion carried unanimously.
11	Highway Commissioner's Report: A. Hardy played the How to Navigate an R-Cut / J-Turn video from WisDOT. The committee gave feedback and agreed it would not be the best option for the landscape of Iowa County. Sup. Storti made a motion for Hardy to draft a resolution to not support the J-Turn. Seconded by Butteris. Motion carried unanimously. B. Hardy provided an update on the Request for Abandonment of Highway Right of Way along BUS 23 in the City of Mineral Point. He is proceeding with discussions with the WiDOT at this time and waiting on an update from Kwik Trip. C. Commentary Regarding the CTH F (Dane County) Proposed Improvements. D. Notice of Awards for Consultant Engineering: CTH C awarded to Jewell Associates Engineering, Inc. CTH K awarded to Westbrook Associated Engineers CTH YD awarded to Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc E. Local Roads Improvement Program for the County project funding was granted for CTH T Birch Lake to perform about half of the 6+ mile project. In all, the Department prepared 25 applications in the county for the program. F. 2 applications were submitted for Transportation Alternative Grant for the County. These are for improvements on CTH K in Hollandale and CTH T in Barneveld. Will hear back in April. G. Interviews for the Equipment Operator position which has been vacant since November 5th is

	scheduled for this Thursday. We received two more applications for this today. The Grade Crew Lead accepted the GIS/Engineering Technician and Safety Coordinator. First review of applications for the Grade Crew Lead will be February 11. The committee discussed hiring issues and the biggest issue was determined to be wages. Sup. Gollon suggested doing a wage compensation study for the Highway Department. Sup. Masters made a motion to instruct the Administrator to work with Employee Relations and the Government Committee to review wages, pay grid scale, and pay for performance for Highway Department employees to address employment issues. Seconded by Storti. Motion carried unanimously.
12	Sup. Deal moved to adjourn the meeting. Sup. Storti seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.
Minutes prepared and submitted by Tammy Fitzsimons; Highway Business Manager	