



Winnebago County

The Wave of the Future

**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026**

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nussbaum at 4:30 p.m. in the Susan T. Ertmer Conference Room, 112 Otter Avenue, Oshkosh.

Members Present: 4 - Chairman Don Nussbaum, Supervisor Ralph Harrison, Supervisor Tim O'Brien and Supervisor Billy Halbur.

Excused: Supervisor Chuck Farrey.

Also Present: Highway Commissioner Bob Doemel, Kevin Kuklinski, and Resident Sidney Oppermann

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Invocation

The invocation was given by Supervisor O'Brien.

D. Public Comments on Agenda Items

Sidney Oppermann, Oshkosh, asked to exercise his freedom of speech. He commented on the following items:

- 1. The ditch project on County Road E.*
- 2. Future developments in this neighborhood.*
- 3. Round about on Leonard Point Road.*
- 4. Using Spirit Fund money to fix the ditch.*

He asked to have the ditch project added to next month's agenda.

E. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of 01.06.2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Halbur, seconded by Supervisor Harrison to approve the January 6, 2026, Highway Committee meeting minutes. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. (4-0)

F. Committee Member Comments

Chairman Nussbaum noted that the ditch project did not have to be added to the agenda, that the Highway Department would work on it as soon as they could.

Supervisor Halbur noted that the residents want to speak on the ditch topic, and he would like to see it on the agenda.

G. Highway Commissioner Comments

1. Staffing Update

Highway Commissioner, Bob Doemel, provided an update from his department:

- *Staffing update:*

The new Shop Superintendent started today.

The Maintenance Superintendent will be retiring in the first week of March. Hoping to

schedule an interview shortly.

They have one vacant foreman position. Waiting on applications for that position.

They have one operator position open.

2. Oshkosh Salt Shed Update

Highway Commissioner, Bob Doemel, gave an update on the Salt Shed.

The shed was built in 1996. This is a joint venture between the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and Winnebago County.

The Department of Transportation will be doing a structural study to determine any deficiencies in the salt shed. The County

could see some cost sharing with this project if there is anything wrong. There is a Facilities and Property Management Committee meeting coming up where Highway Department updates will be discussed. This discussion might include the salt shed.

H. Business Items

Action may be taken on any business items.

1. Approve Budget Amendment request for #523S Side Mower Replacement \$36,200

Commissioner Doemel is requesting \$36,200 for a Side Mower Replacement. The rear mower has been replaced with a better quality mower and is working fine. The side mower is beyond repair. This mower was not part of the capital plan. He is asking for the money to come from the Highway Fund. The mower would have to be shipped to South Dakota. If this request passes the Highway Committee, it will need to go to the Personnel and Finance Committee for approval.

Motion by Supervisor Halbur, seconded by Supervisor Harrison to bring this to the floor.

Commissioner Doemel took questions from the committee members.

Vote to Approve a Budget Amendment Request for a #523S Side Mower Replacement for \$36,200. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. (4-0)

I. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date will be held on March 23, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. at the David W. Albrecht Administration Building, in the Susan T. Ertmer Conference Room, 112 Otter Avenue, Oshkosh.

J. Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Halbur, seconded by Supervisor Harrison, to adjourn the Highway Committee meeting. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE (4-0) The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Julie A. Barthels

Winnebago County Clerk

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<https://winnebagocowi.portal.civicclerk.com>

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