



Winnebago County

The Wave of the Future

**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024**

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Nussbaum at 4:30 p.m. at the Highway Department conference room.

Present: Chairman Don Nussbaum, Supervisor Chuck Farrey, Supervisor Ralph Harrison, Supervisor Tim O'Brien and Supervisor Billy Halbur.

Also Present: County Clerk Julie Barthels

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Invocation

The invocation was given by Supervisor Tim O'Brien.

D. Public Comments on Agenda Items

No comments from the public.

E. Approval of Minutes

1. October 21, 2024 Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Harrison to approve the minutes from October 21, 2024. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

F. Committee Member Comments

No comments from Committee members.

G. Highway Commissioner Comments

1. Daily Operations Update

Highway Commissioner Bob Doemel stated that they have wrapped up most of their projects for this year.

Completed Projects:

- *In the Town of Wolf River and Town of Winchester - County Road MM/County Road II to Richter Lane. This project was pulverized and paved. (4.7 miles)*
- *In the Town of Wolf River - County Road HH from County Road AH to the West County line was pulverized and paved. (1 mile)*
- *Concrete Repairs on County Roads - just repairing distressed panels. They started at Harrison and worked up to County Road A. The railroad crossing in this area was bad. The Highway Department fixed the road approximately 20 feet out from the tracks and the railroad paid for the repair work. This has greatly improved the crossing. The Highway Department continued on County Road A working their way to the north repairing panels as they went. Commissioner Doemel noted that they did not use the full amount that was budgeted. The Department of Transportation pushed*

back some of the concrete work in 2024. These projects will be added in 2025. This will mean a full year of concrete work for the department. The county has routine maintenance agreements with the state. New projects for the state are put out for bids.

- *Oregon Street / County Road I - From Waukau Avenue to 35th Avenue a diamond grind was done. From 35th Avenue to W. Ripple Avenue, they removed the asphalt and added concrete for the road, curb and gutter. After the curb and gutter section, it converts back to two lanes. A few yards of the ditch still need to be seeded.*
- *County Road P - from Midway Road to State Road 47 - The Highway Department is in the land acquisition state. They received the first one for approval today. There are 70 parcels that are involved with this process. Fox Crossing and WE Energies have started utility work for this project. Starting to put the project out for bids in September 2025. The project should be awarded in November 2025. Construction is to begin in the spring of 2026. This will be a full year of construction. Commissioner Doemel explained how the traffic would flow during construction of this project.*

Snow Projects - The state trucks are switched over for snow, working on smaller trucks and then the graders.

Highway Offices are now open. They are waiting for new office furniture. There was mold found in the old furniture. The conference room will be getting new tables, then the supervisors' office furniture, then the office furniture.

Commissioner Doemel then took questions from the committee members.

H. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on January 27, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. at the Highway Department.

I. Adjourn

Following adjournment, a quorum of the committee may be present at the Highway Department for the purposes of touring the highway shop and a demonstration on Winter Snow-Plowing Operations.

Motion by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Harrison to adjourn the Highway Committee meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Commissioner Doemel gave the Committee members a tour of the Highway Department shop and a demonstration on Winter Snow-Plowing Operations.

The video portion of this meeting is available on the County website: <https://winnebagocowi.portal.civicclerk.com>