



**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2025**

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Tim O'Brien at 4:37 p.m. in the Susan T. Ertmer Conference room at 112 Otter Avenue, Oshkosh.

The following members were present: Vice-Chairman Tim O'Brien, Supervisor Chuck Farrey, and Supervisor Ralph Harrison.

Excused: Chairman Don Nussbaum; Absent: Supervisor Billy Halbur

Also Present: Highway Commissioner Bob Doemel, Residents: Harry Silva, Jackie Silva and Sidney Oppermann; and County Clerk Julie Barthels

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Invocation

The invocation was given by Vice-Chairman Tim O'Brien.

D. Public Comments on Agenda Items

The following people voiced concerns about County Road E ditches:

- *Sid Oppermann - County Road E*
- *Jackie Silva - County Road E*
- *Harry Silva - County Road E*

E. Approval of Minutes

1. *Approval of July 28, 2025, Highway Committee Minutes*

Motion by Supervisor Harrison, seconded by Supervisor Farrey to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2025, Highway Committee meeting. CARRIED by VOICE VOTE. (3-0)

F. Committee Member Comments

1. *Discussion on CTH-E Ditches in the Town of Algoma*

Supervisor Farrey requested an update on the County Road E project.

The paving on County Road E is done. Sand pipes have been installed. In order to install a tile lane, the County would need to work with a private property owner and would need to go through a large amount of legal work and possibly apply for an easement with the property owner.

The Highway Department is looking at options to alleviate the water problems: currently there is tile out there. The Highway Department is looking for ways to make their plan work without going on private property.

Commissioner Doemel was given a list of questions. Here are the answers to those questions:

1. *When pumping ditches, did you notice the water table going down?*

Not sure if the water table went down, but the water level in the sand pipes did go down.

2. *What is the next step in rectifying the ditch situation?*

They are working on this. There are two options: place drain tile in the right of way or go outside the right of way, which would require an easement from a property owner.

3. *What are your plans for maintaining the grass (weeds) in our ditches?*

Plan to have them mowed down by fall.

4. *Did Billy Halbur e-mail you the amount of money earmarked for the drainage tile for County Road E?*

Nothing was e-mailed regarding this.

5. *Can we please be put on the agenda for next month's meeting?*

It is on the agenda for this meeting, August 25, 2025.

G. Highway Commissioner Comments

No comments.

H. Business Items

1. Amend Winnebago County General Code Chapter 7.02 "Speed Limit Regulations" to include proposed modifications

Highway Commissioner, Bob Doemel, gave a description of where this amendment to the speed limit will affect. It will be on County Road E between Oakwood Road and Westhaven Drive. The amendment is to lower the speed limit from 35 mph to 30 mph. All the other sections in this area are at 30 mph. This would mimic other roadways in this area.

Motion by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Harrison for approval to amend Winnebago County General Code Chapter 7.02 "Speed Limit Regulations" to include Proposed Modifications. CARRIED by VOICE VOTE. (3-0)

I. Next Meeting Date

1. *The next meeting date is set for Monday, September 22, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. in the Susan T. Ertmer Conference Room.*

J. Adjourn

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Julie A. Barthels

Winnebago County Clerk

The video portion of this meeting is available on the County website:

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