



Winnebago County

*The Wave of the Future*

**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024**

**A. Call to Order**

*The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nussbaum at 7:00 p.m.*

*Committee Members Present: Chairman Don Nussbaum, Supervisors Chuck Farrey, Ralph Harrison, Billy Halbur and Tim O'Brien*

*Also Present: Highway Commissioner Bob Doemel, Supervisor Steve Binder, Harry and Jackie Silva, Helen White, Sid Opperman, County Clerk Julie Barthels and County Executive Assistant Ethan Hollenberger*

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

*The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**C. Invocation**

*Chairman Nussbaum led the committee in prayer.*

**D. Public Comments on Agenda Items**

*Sidney Opperman, Town of Algoma - voiced concerns about water issues bubbling up on his property.*

*Jackie Silva - Water issues on her property and trying to keep the ditches clear.*

*Helene White - Basement flooding problems due to high water in the ditches.*

*Steve Binder - County Board Supervisor District 13 - needs to reset the culverts and re-ditch them and then tile and set the culverts. Would like to see the rooms at the Highway Department named after John Schnyder and Paul DeLap.*

**E. Approval of Minutes**

1. March 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes

*Motion by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Harrison to approve the minutes from March 18, 2024. Carried by Voice Vote.*

**F. Introductions**

*Bob Doemel - Highway Commissioner*

*Billy Halbur - County Board Supervisor District 17*

*Chuck Farrey - County Board Supervisor District 30*

*Ralph Harrison - County Board Supervisor District 31*

*Don Nussbaum - County Board Supervisor District 9*

**G. Committee Member Comments**

*Chairman Nussbaum asked the Committee if the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation could stay on the agenda. It was agreed to keep it on.*

*Supervisor Farrey would like a committee member to make a motion to bring the resolution to the floor.*

**H. Highway Commissioner Comments**

1. Discussion: County Road T / Pioneer Road Project Update

*Highway Commissioner, Bob Doemel noted that Radtke had completed excavating for the County Road T project.*

*Landscapers were doing the seeding and mulching.*

*The Highway Department placed gravel on the roadway and the plan is to pave and shoulder next week.*

*Supervisor Farrey had questions about the pond that was there. He is going to drive by and see if there are any further questions.*

2. Discussion: Highway Department Office Reconfiguration Project Update  
*Commissioner Doemel noted that they have been out of the office for about a week. Demolition started on Monday. The employees are working out of a job trailer. The plan is for completion to be in November.*
3. Discussion: County Highway I Project Update  
*Commissioner Doemel commented on the County Road I Project. This is a STP Urban Project, which is a federally funded project. This project was budgeted for next year, but was able to be moved up to this year.  
The project is 80% funded by the federal government, 20% by the local government between the City of Oshkosh and Winnebago County. City of Oshkosh is putting in sewer and water. The Highway Department went to the Personnel & Finance Committee for additional funding. There are non-participating costs and participating costs. The cost of the project is roughly \$4.5 million. \$2 million is for the sewer that the City of Oshkosh is putting in. The Federal participation is \$1 million, The County's share would be \$700,000, Commissioner Doemel explained what the Highway Department will be responsible for. The Highway Department will need to go to the Personnel & Finance Committee and the County Board for additional funding. This project will be let by the State of Wisconsin and should address the flooding in the area.*

#### **I. Business Items**

Action may be taken on any business items.

1. Discussion: County Highway E Ditches in the Town of Algoma  
*Commissioner Doemel took pictures of the ditches and tried to get in touch with water people to see the amount of water that flows through this area. He has a report from previous studies that Commissioner Winters had done. There is not an easy solution to fix this problem. He has been in touch with the Town of Algoma to look into a sewer system. There is a possible consideration of placing another roundabout by Clairville Road and County Road E. Meetings with the Sanitary Department have not gone well, and they may need to have the Sheriff's Department present when meeting with the Sanitary District. Urbanized means curb and gutter/storm sewers. The rural area has ditches. Winnebago County is very flat. Discussed possibilities of fixes for the water issue. The department will be mowing the ditches 4 times a year versus 2 times. A discussion was held regarding ditching and tiling this area.  
Supervisor Farrey suggested having an agenda item to approve hiring a hydraulic engineer to do a study to see if tiling this area would work. Commissioner Doemel recommended that the committee read the Houle's report that he has to see what their conclusion is to this problem.*
2. Action: Approve Acceptance of Asphalt Bids for 2024 LRIP Projects  
*Motion by Supervisor Harrison, seconded by Supervisor Farrey to bring this item forward for approval and acceptance of asphalt bids for 2024 LRIP Projects.  
Commissioner Doemel provided copies of the 2024 Asphaltic Bids tally sheets. The quotes must be approved by the Highway Committee and the minutes submitted to the State to qualify for the LRIP funding. Discussion was held regarding the different programs for the Highway Department. TRIP (Town Road Improvement Project), LRIP (Local Road Improvement Project), etc.  
Motion by Supervisor Harrison, seconded by Supervisor Farrey to approve the bids for the 2024 LRIP Projects. Carried by Voice Vote.*
3. Resolution: Naming Highway Department Rooms after Paul Delap and John Schnyder

*Motion by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Harrison to approve this resolution and to send it on to the Facilities and Property Management Committee. Carried by Voice Vote.*

**J. Next Meeting Date, Time, and Location**

*Next meeting date: First Monday of the Month - June 3, 2024*

*Time: 4:30 p.m.*

*Location: Coughlin Center*

**K. Adjourn**

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

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.*