

POLK COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Polk County Government Center
100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, WI
Thursday, September 1, 2011
3:30 p.m., East Conference Room

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes of the August 4, 2011 Meeting
4. Public Comments
5. Voucher Review
6. Financial Reports
7. Items of Business
 - a. Presentation on Biodiesel by Sun Power Biodiesel
 - b. Authorize RFP's for Snow Plow Blades
 - c. Award RFP's
 - Sign Truck
 - Mechanic Truck
 - d. Discussion on Use of Compressed Natural Gas in County Vehicles
 - e. 2012 Budget
8. Administrative Report
9. Committee Comments
10. Adjournment

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Chairman Caspersen called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., at the Polk County Government Center, Balsam Lake, WI.

Members present: Marvin Caspersen, Dean Johansen, Jay Luke, Larry Voelker
Others present: Steve Warndahl, Kathy Bohn, Steve Mullenbach
Press present: Gregg Westigard

Motion by Luke and seconded by Johansen to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Johansen and seconded by Luke to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2011 meeting. Motion carried.

Voucher Review: The committee reviewed and discussed the vouchers paid from July 28 through August 25, 2011.

Financial Reports: Bohn reviewed the fund balance statement, the 2011 Construction Project Summary and the WisDOT Maintenance Contracts Summary for 2011.

Presentation on Biodiesel by Sun Power Biodiesel: Herb Blaser from Sun Power Biodiesel of Cumberland spoke to the committee regarding the value of using biodiesel in trucks and equipment. Some of the merits of biodiesel include higher cetane, greater lubricity and lower emissions. The price is generally lower than diesel.

Taking advantage of a price reduction, Highway received their first delivery of biodiesel on September 1st and blended it with its existing diesel supply. The department will keep the committee informed on its use.

Authorization to Seek RFP's for Snow Plow Blades:

Motion by Luke and seconded by Johansen to authorize the department to seek RFP's for snow plow blades. Motion carried unanimously.

Award Sign Truck RFP: Mullenbach joined the meeting at this time. The committee reviewed the only bid received for a sign truck from Flannegan Western of Emmetsburg, IA. Discussion followed.

Motion by Johansen and seconded by Luke to accept the bid of \$128,909.56 from Flannegan Western for a 2012 International 4300 M7 sign truck. Motion carried unanimously.

Award Mechanic Truck RFP: The committee reviewed the bids received for a used mechanic truck. Mullenbach and Warndahl viewed the vehicles beforehand and provided feedback to the committee.

Motion by Voelker and seconded by Johansen to accept the bid of \$25,500.00 from Boyer Trucks for a used 2000 Ford F550XL fully equipped with welder, cabinets and other equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on Use of Compressed Natural Gas in County Vehicles: Luke explained that the county Renewable Energy Committee is researching the use of compressed natural gas and blending it with other fuels. Highway has researched it and would have a difficult time finding additional room on the truck frames to hold necessary equipment. This is something that could be specified on future truck purchases. Discussion followed.

2012 Highway Budget: Warndahl explained that the final budget has not been released but said that Highway would receive some additional funding for 2012, allowing the department to move part of the 2013 construction projects to 2012. There will also be some additional money for maintenance on Highway buildings.

Administrative Report: Warndahl informed the committee that Ken Sample's concern with the speed limit on CTH H has been addressed with the resident and that the Sheriff's Department will be providing additional enforcement. He felt that all parties involved reached a consensus. And Highway's RMA contract with WisDOT for 2012 is up \$4,000.

Motion by Johansen and seconded by Voelker to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.