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Menominee County Highway Committee Regular Meeting Minutes April 14, 2020

- 1. Call to Order.** 9:08 a.m. This meeting was held via conference call.
- 2. Roll Call.** Committee members present on the call: Elizabeth Moses, Chairperson; Elizabeth Fernandez, Vice-Chairperson; and James Lowey, member. A quorum was present. Others present on the call: Jeremy C. Weso, Highway Commissioner; Kourtney Erickson, Office Manager; Steve Wilke, Patrol Superintendent; and Julie Callahan, Taxpayers Association.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion by J. Lowey to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 10, 2020. Second by E. Moses. No corrections. Motion carried.

4. Commissioner's Report

The Commissioner's written report was discussed with the Committee.

- The Commissioner informed the Committee that we have excess salt inventory, so he slightly decreased the salt order for next season. This is the first time in the Commissioner's seven years at Highway where we've had excess salt supplies.
- The Commissioner discussed the COVID-19 safety measures put in place at the Highway Department, and informed the Committee that several community members donated cloth masks to the department.
- The Commissioner discussed the two new tandem axle trucks. They have been delivered and are being inspected to ensure they are in compliance with the specifications.

5. Map and Data on Vehicle Accidents

- The Commissioner provided the Committee with a map and data of accidents from 2016-2018. The Commissioner asked the Sheriff's Department to update the spreadsheet to incorporate 2019 accident data. Unfortunately, the Sheriff's Department believes the accident data does not include records of accidents responded to by the Tribal Police. The Commissioner will bring back the data and map once the Sheriff's Department has updated the spreadsheet.

6. Monthly Expenditures

Motion by J. Lowey to approve the monthly expenditures in the amount of \$260,729.99. Second by E. Fernandez. Motion carried

7. Financial Report

The Commissioner discussed the February 2020 financial statement with the Committee. That report was included in the meeting packet. The report revealed that year-to-date revenues were \$700,240.74 and year-to-date expenditures were \$310,241.01, leaving an operating surplus of \$389,999.73.

8. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

The Commissioner will provide more information on the accident data if it is completed by the Sheriff's Department. The Commissioner would also like to bring forward a request for replacement equipment; the Committee asked the Commissioner to focus only on the highest priorities at the moment given the financial uncertainties surrounding the COVID-19 outbreak.

9. Adjournment: 9:36 a.m.

Minutes recorded and prepared by K. Erickson.