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Menominee County Highway Committee Regular Meeting Minutes September 14, 2021

- 1. Call to Order.** 4:00 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call.** Committee members present: Elizabeth Moses, Chairperson, and James Lowey; Elizabeth Fernandez - Absent (Excused). A quorum was present. Others present: Jeremy C. Weso, Highway Commissioner; and Margaret Tomow, Administrative Assistant.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion by J. Lowey to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 10, 2021. Second by E. Moses. Motion carried.

4. Commissioner's Report

The Commissioner's written report was as presented with nothing added. Notable topics discussed included the following:

- Grader Purchase – The Highway Department paid \$100,000.00 to purchase a grader. The grader was transported from Montana to Fabick-Cat in Green Bay. Fabick is inspecting the grader and will be performing various repairs not to exceed \$20,000. Fabick's initial inspection found that the brakes do not need to be replaced but they do need to be bled and that the turntable motor will need to be replaced at a cost of about \$5,000 to \$6,000. Once the repairs are completed, the grader will be hauled to the shop and put in service.
- Wedge Patching – WisDOT might have additional funding for this year yet to perform additional wedge patching on STH 47/55.
- Storm Drain Break – The crew will be working with L.J. Sperberg to repair the drainage system under Duquaine Road. We have no estimates on the cost of the repairs yet. L.J. Sperberg is working with a plastic culvert supplier out of Wausau to provide material estimates for the project. Hopefully, the project will begin next week.
- On August 12, 2021, the Menominee Tribe asked the Commissioner to submit a letter of support to the Federal Highway Administration for Highway Safety Funds to put sidewalks in Neopit around White City and Dog Town. The Commissioner provided such a letter.

5. HSIP Application – Improvement to STH 55-CTH M East Intersection

The Menominee Tribe asked WisDOT to prepare an application for improvements at the intersection of STH 55 and CTH M-East to improve safety at that intersection. WisDOT developed a Highway Safety Improvement Program application and discussed the application with the Commissioner and the Tribe. The County was asked to sponsor the application since the proposed work involves a County highway. The project is estimated to cost \$767,000 for design and construction. The County would have to put up a 10% match. The Commissioner stated that he does not know if or when the project would be awarded and constructed. If awarded, the project could take place as early as 2022, but given that design work will be required, it most likely would be performed in 2023.

Motion by J. Lowey to approve the application for Mr. Weso to be the signatory on the application. Second by E. Moses. Motion carried.

6. Monthly Expenditures

Motion by J. Lowey to approve the monthly expenditures in the amount of \$58,089.43. Second by E. Moses. Motion carried.

7. Financial Report

The Commissioner discussed the August 2021 financial statement with the Committee. That report was included in the meeting packet. The report revealed that year-to-date revenues were \$1,058,272.80 and year-to-date expenditures were \$1,144,153.75, leaving a deficit of \$85,870.95.

8. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- CTH M bridge project update cost and reimbursements of overpayment.
- Highway Chairperson asked about the budget process. Commissioner Weso stated that Finance will be sending out the application this week. The budget application will be brought to the Committee.

9. Adjournment: 4:23 p.m.

Minutes recorded and prepared by M. Tomow.