

MINUTES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

**Vehicle Maintenance & Storage Facility
West Bend, WI**

**April 28, 2009
8:00 A.M.**

Present: Brian Bausch, Don Berchem, Joe Gonnering, Rick Gundrum, and Chairman Dan Goetz.
Also present: Highway Commissioner Jon Edgren and Assistant to the Highway Commissioner Barb Villwock.

Chairman Goetz called the meeting to order and read the affidavit of posting.

A motion was made by Mr. Gonnering and seconded by Mr. Gundrum to approve the minutes of the Transportation Committee meeting on April 7, 2009. Motion carried.

Commissioner Edgren indicated that the following permits were issued.

1. To a property owner for replacing a field culvert along the west side of CTH M approximately 1,980 feet north of STH 33 in the Town of Trenton
2. To a property owner for constructing a field entrance on the east side of CTH XX approximately 2,000 feet north of CTH H in the Town of Farmington
3. To We Energies for relocating the gas main to facilitate the CTH Y reconstruction project in the Village of Germantown

Joe Steier, Transit Manager, gave a status report on the Shared Ride Taxi and Washington County Commuter Express Bus (WCCE) programs. Various aspects of the transit operations were discussed including ridership, fuel usage, revenues, and expenses. Representatives from Riteway and Specialized Transportation Services were also present for the discussion.

The committee discussed the possible items to be purchased utilizing the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding for Transit operations. The committee directed Mr. Steier to revise the list of possible items to be purchased by reducing the number of replacement vehicles requested and including automatic vehicle locaters (AVL) with mobile data computers (MDC's) for the taxis.

The committee discussed an appeal for a permit to construct a field entrance onto CTH H 560 feet east of STH 144. The permit was denied because the requested point of access does not meet the spacing requirements in the Washington County Access Control Policy. The parcel has a field entrance onto STH 144 but WisDOT will be removing the existing field entrance in conjunction with its intersection reconstruction project. A motion was made by Mr. Gundrum and seconded by Mr. Bausch to grant an appeal for a permit to construct a field entrance onto the north side of CTH H approximately 560 feet east of STH 144 in the Town of Farmington. Motion carried.

Cedar Lake Conservation Foundation requested permission to plant trees in county right-of-way along CTH NN. The committee denied the request but discussed the possibility of donating a portion of the right-of-way to the Foundation. A motion was made by Mr. Berchem and seconded by Mr. Bausch to release its rights to a piece of land along CTH NN to Cedar Lake Conservation Foundation via a quit claim deed at no cost to Washington County but retain 50 feet of right-of-way and a vision triangle. Motion carried.

The committee discussed issues with the East Wisconsin County Railroad Consortium (EWCRC). A motion was made by Mr. Bausch and seconded by Mr. Gonnering to approve processing a payment in the amount of \$25,000.00 to EWCRC as its 2009 contribution. Motion carried with Mr. Gonnering and Mr. Berchem voting no and Chairman Goetz voting yes.

Commissioner Edgren updated the committee on the status of the removal of the retaining wall constructed within the right-of-way of CTH A.

Commissioner Edgren indicated that the project to replace the bridge carrying CTH W over the Rock River south of Allenton will be out for bids in May. This project will be paid via the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding. CTH Y has been removed from the Milwaukee Urbanized Area, and Commissioner Edgren is continuing to search for funding for CTH Q and CTH Y and will be attending a SEWRPC meeting on Thursday, April 30, 2009, at 9:30 AM.

A motion was made by Mr. Bausch and seconded by Mr. Gundrum to approve vouchers in the amount of \$114,783.29. Motion carried

Mr. Gonnering left at 10:15 AM.

A motion was made by Mr. Berchem and seconded by Mr. Gundrum to adjourn at 10:30 AM.
Motion carried.

Rick Gundrum, Secretary