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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE OF THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD

Called by: Chairman Tassoni

DATE: Tuesday, October 18, 2022

TIME: 5:00 p.m.

Members: Angela Fellars,
Burt Gerl, David Kelley (Vice-
Chairman), Jim Webster and
Kevin McCarthy

LOCATION: Room 510
County Administration Building
404 Elm Street
Rockford, IL 61101

MINUTES:

- A. Call to Order – CHAIRMAN TASSONI CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:00 P.M.
- B. Rollcall –
Present: Dave Tassoni, Angela Fellars, Burt Gerl, Dave Kelley and Jim Webster

Also: Carlos Molina, County Engineer
- C. Approval of Minutes – MR. TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE September 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes. SECONDED BY MR. WEBSTER. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT
Closed Meeting - None
- D. Public Comment – This is the time we invite the public to address the Public Works Committee with issues and concerns. We ask you to limit your comments to three minutes. Personal attacks or inappropriate language of any sort will not be tolerated. A maximum of five speakers will be heard on a first come basis with sign up at the meeting. Speakers may not address zoning matters, which are pending before the Zoning Committee, Zoning Board of Appeals, or the County Board. Personnel matters or pending or threatened litigation may not be addressed in open session. An individual may speak a maximum of three times per calendar year on the same topic. This prohibition shall include the repetition of the same topic in a statement on what is purported to be a different topic. After acknowledgement by the chair, please stand and state your name. Thank you for your cooperation.



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E. Legislation

Old Legislation –

New Legislation –

(22-037) CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AN Ordinance Establishing a Speed Zone on Lindenwood Road from Baxter Road to Edson Road. Mr. Molina informed the PWC that a speed study was conducted on Lindenwood Road from Edson Road to Baxter Road. The results of the speed study show that reducing the speed from 55 mph to 45 mph is recommended. By State Statues, the County Board has to approve any changes to posted speeds on County highways. **SECONDED BY MR. GERL AND MR. KELLEY. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.**

Cost: N/A

C.B. District: 9

(22-038) CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing a Project Management Services Agreement with Region 1 Planning Council to Provide a Connection Feasibility Study for the East Riverside Multi-Use Path. Mr. Molina informed the PWC that, in coordination with the Highway Department, RIPC entered into an agreement with Baxter & Woodman Consulting Engineers for a feasibility study for the above-mentioned project for a not to exceed \$40,200. The Resolution and Agreement will authorize RIPC to manage the project and payments to the consultant. Once the study is completed, we will present it to the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority (ISTHA) for crossing Interstate I-90 and to seek their cost participation in the project. County Board member Mr. Butitta initiated this study for a path connection along Riverside Blvd across I-90 from Perryville Road to Sportscore II and contributed his ARP funds toward this project. **SECONDED BY MR.GERL. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.**

Cost: \$40,200

C.B. District: 7, 8, 20

MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

Other Matters –

Budget Amendment-

Change Order(s) for Information Only –

F. Reports

- a. PWC Chairman Tassoni – Chairman Tassoni reminded the PWC that the Slot machine and marijuana tax dollars go to the General Fund. Chairman Tassoni expressed that the new casino revenue dollars have not been dedicated.to date and to keep that in mind as we move forward.
- b. County Engineer Molina –
 - i. Project Updates
 1. Mulford Road Resurfacing project – Mr. Molina informed the PWC that Mulford Road was closed for a couple days for pipe culvert replacement. The paving will be started soon.



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2. Prairie Hill Road Resurfacing – Mr. Molina informed the PWC that the 40 plus year old concrete pavement was in worse condition than we projected after the asphalt overlay was milled off. A Change Order will be forthcoming due to using a special asphalt binder.
3. Charles Street Resurfacing – this project is completed and the signs will be coming down tomorrow or the following day.
4. STBG Grant Application – Mr. Molina informed that the Highway Department has submitted an application to RIPC for an additional 5.5 million dollars of Federal Funds to put towards the E. Riverside Boulevard project in the Forest Hills Rd and Alpine Road area. The plan is to have this project start construction in 2024
5. Special Bridge Fund Application Update – The Highway Department has applied for Special Bridge Funding Grant for the Meridian Road Bridge over the Pecatonica River; this bridge currently has a steel plate inset on the deck. In addition, the Highway Department applied for a grant for the Latham Road/Ralston Road Bridge over the Rock River. This process takes between 5 to 8 years from funding application to construction if funds are approved.
6. Perryville Road Path – Mr. Molina informed that the Highway Department applied for another grant to extend the Perryville Path from Willow Brook Lane to Mc Donald Road, across Swanson Road. In the future, the Village of Roscoe wants to connect the Perryville Path to Porter Park.
7. Gleasman Road Culvert Update – Mr. Molina informed that the culvert that is east of Old River Road will be complete in a few weeks. Our Staff met with the contractor today to discuss the project before work began on the culvert on the west side of IL Route 2. The contractor cannot guarantee the job will be completed before winter. After meeting with the contractor, a decision was made to delay the start of the West culvert until spring of 2023.
8. Winnebago County Highway Department Facilities Garage – Mr. Molina updated the Committee that he was pleasantly surprised to find out there is still a chance the Highway Department may receive ARP monies to construct a basic storage garage with a concrete floor and a truck wash system. .



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9. Linden Road Development – Mr. Molina informed the PWC that we have jurisdiction of about a half a mile of Linden Road east of Alpine Road to the Great Oak apartments. About one (1) to two (2) years ago, the City of Rockford annexed the apartments into the City of Rockford's. We will pursue a jurisdictional transfer of Linden Rd to the City. I will keep you updated how this progresses.

G. New Business –

- H. Adjourn/Recess – MR. KELLEY MOVED TO ADJOURN. SECONDED BY MR. GERL. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.
Meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tracy Robinson, Administrative Assistant