

**DeWITT COUNTY
ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE OF MEETING: April 14, 2021

PLACE OF MEETING: DeWitt County Highway Department
9900 Revere Rd, Clinton, IL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Travis Houser - Committee Chairman, Jay Wickenhauser, Nate Ennis, Jamie Prestegaard, Melonie Tilley

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Mathon – County Engineer

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:

Chairman Houser called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Motion by Tilley, seconded by Ennis, to approve minutes of March 10, 2021 Road & Bridge Meeting. Unanimous.

Motion by Wickenhauser, seconded by Prestegaard, to approve payment of bills. Unanimous.

Mathon shared with the committee that Rick Brandt, a 15-year employee of the Highway Department, would be retiring on April 30. Mathon asked for permission to post and advertise the upcoming vacancy and to hire a replacement for the Highway Maintainer position. Motion by Wickenhauser, seconded by Ennis, post, advertise and hire for the position of Highway Maintainer. Unanimous.

The highway department has occasionally rented a boom mower to help maintain right of way areas behind guardrails and keep areas of brushy overgrowth pushed back. Mathon explained to the committee that the highway department would be sharing the rental of the boom mower with several townships with the rental fee being paid by the proportionate use of the equipment. Motion by Tilley, seconded by Prestegaard, to forward to the full board for approval of a boom mower rental from Rahn Equipment in the amount of \$7,000.00 for one month. Unanimous.

Mathon presented a proposal from Cummins Engineering Corporation for the work involved in updating and submitting a Highway Safety Improvement Program grant application. Mathon explained that IDOT had announced they were accepting a new round of HSIP applications, and the guardrail improvement project that would be submitted fit the grant program description of system-wide improvements. Motion by Ennis, seconded by Wickenhauser, to approve the proposal from Cummins Engineering Corporation, not to exceed \$1,500.00 for the preparation and submittal to IDOT of a Highway Safety Improvement Program grant application.

Mathon updated the committee on the status of the wind farm roadway improvement plan review. Final comments have been submitted to the developer. Construction of the laydown yard off of Astor Rd at IL 10 was underway. The developer had been notified by letter that consent was given by the Highway Authority (Barnett Road District) to begin utilizing only that part of Astor Rd that was necessary to access the laydown yard location. The developer has indicated that the subcontractor responsible for the installation/replacement of crossroad culverts would begin mobilizing equipment and material around April 19, and the subcontractor performing the cement stabilization of the township roads was expected to begin work around the first week of May. Mathon shared that weekly conference calls have begun for updates on construction progress, planned work, and addressing any concerns updates and discussion of concerns.

Motion by Tilley, seconded by Ennis, to adjourn at 5:50 p.m.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNTY BOARD:

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Chairman

