

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

PLACE: Effingham County Building

TIME: 7:30 A.M.

DATE: July 12, 2022

Committee Members Present: Joe Thoele and Doug McCain

Others: Jim Niemann, Becky Hoopingarner, Nick Burrus, and Greg Koester

D. McCain moved and J. Thoele seconded to approve June 14, 2022 minutes, unanimous Committee reviewed and signed claims.


Old Business


1. Status of Bridge Aids – Replace Bishop County line bridge aid 2 weeks ago. Hopefully start Summit Township Bridge Aid after oiling.
 2. Proposed Jurisdictional Transfer of Trapp Prairie Road (update) – Union Township agreed to terms and move forward. County will now approach Lucas Township and submit a draft transfer agreement to IDOT for review.
 3. Subdivisions (update) – Roads in St. Francis Subdivision and Campground Subdivision are substantially complete and getting paperwork ready for township sign-off and release bonds.
 4. Propose Program to Replace/Repair Deteriorated Drainage Structures Along Township Roads (via ARPA funding) – Last meeting, N. Soltwedel asked if county should consider earmarking some ARPA funds to address deteriorated, short drainage structures along township roads.
 - a. Koester proposed an outline for committee consideration.
 - b. Thoele asked Koester to incorporate and committee comments before August meeting so committee can consider whether or not to recommend to ARPA committee and full board.
- D. McCain moved and J. Thoele seconded to bring to ARPA meeting, unanimous.

New Business

1. Jackson Township Bridge Aid Petition – Old pipe along an unimproved road in Jackson Township is buckling and need removed. Jackson Township wants to just remove failing pipe and construct a low water crossing. This option should be cheaper than replacing the pipe. Jackson Township petitioning county for half the cost. D. McCain moved and J. Thoele seconded to recommend board approval, unanimous.
2. Bishop Church Bridge Construction Update – Start setting bridge beams tomorrow. Project is on schedule.
3. Maintenance Report –
 - a. Oiling operations started today in Mound Township. Good forecast may allow us to finish in July. Recently tested new oil distributor along Airport Road to avoid any issues and tweak if needed.
 - b. Overall had a good spring with patching, shouldering, mowing, spraying and getting roads ready for oiling.
4. Purchase Oil Storage Tank – Koester still working on RFP for a 7,000-gal oil storage tank to assist our off-season patching program, estimated around \$90,000. Should have bids by August meeting.
5. 2023 Budget Planning – 2023 planning has started and committee will continue discussion next month.
 - a. Fuel
 - b. Materials
 - c. IMRF and Health Insurance – Koester suggested the board may wish to consider highway no longer reimburse county general fund for IMRF and health insurance. This reimbursement will allow board to keep the highway levies low. J. Thoele moved and D. McCain seconded to recommend highway not reimbursing for above insurance.

D. McCain moved and J. Thoele seconded to adjourn, unanimous.


COUNTY ENGINEER


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