

Richland County

Public Works Standing Committee | Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2023

The Richland County Public Works Standing Committee met on Thursday, October 12, 2023, in the Richland County Board Room, at 181 W. Seminary St., Richland Center, WI 53581.

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Williamson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

	Present	Absent		Present	Absent		Present	Absent
Josh Elder	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	Daniel McGuire	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	Marc Couey	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lisa Mueller	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	Steve Carrow	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	Julie Flemming	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>
Randy Nelson	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	Richard McKee	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jon Hochkammer	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barb Scott	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gary Manning	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	Candace Pesch	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jason Marshall	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	Chad Cosgrove	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jeffrey Even	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓
John Couey	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	Steve Williamson	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	Michael Windle	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>
						Jenny Laue	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Proof of Notification

Committee Chair Williamson verified with Commissioner Elder that the meeting had been properly noticed.

4. Agenda Approval

Motion: Moved by Vice Chair Cosgrove, seconded by Supervisor Manning to move agenda items 8 & 9 up to 7 and approve the agenda.

All voting aye, motion carried.

5. Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion: Moved by Supervisor McKee, seconded by Supervisor Manning to approve and accept the previous meeting minutes with the correction of the spelling of Fleming.

All voting aye, motion carried.

6. Public Comment

Discussion: No Public Comment

7. Highway | Report[s]:

a. Administrative Report

Discussion: Wrapping up current county road projects which includes the painting of lines, which had been delayed. Planning to break ground for the County Highway O Project in 2025. Project Land appraisals: Commercial \$16,414.00; Agricultural \$7,848.00; Residential \$10,740-\$35,000 and Woodland \$2,833 per acre. Waiting to hear back from the land owners.

b. Highway Monthly Paid Bills

Motion: Moved by Supervisor Couey, seconded by Supervisor Manning to approve and accept the total of \$988,784.54 for the monthly paid bills for the Highway Department.

All voting aye, motion carried.

8. Highway | Discussion and Possible Action on:

a. Equipment | Purchases

Discussion: Highway is requesting approval to spend up to \$50,000 on the following pieces of equipment

- 3/4 Ton Truck
- Stump Grinder [Skid Steer Mounted]
- Semi-Truck
- Mowing Tractor

Motion: Moved by Supervisor McKee, seconded by Vice Chair Cosgrove to grant approval of the Highway Department to spend up to \$50,000 per piece of equipment.

All voting aye, motion carried.

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b. Equipment | Plow Truck Purchases

Discussion: Highway is recommending the cancellation of the plow trucks that were on order since 2022.

Note that canceling this order does not have any negative repercussions for the department.

Motion: Moved by Supervisor Couey, Seconded by Supervisor Manning to approve Highways recommendations and cancel the truck order from 2022.

All voting aye, motion carried.

9. Administration | Report[s]:

a. Property Management Report

Discussion: Property Management has received a new skid steer. A new employee has been hired and is currently in training with the maintenance department. Currently dealing with 41-year-old boiler issues and the motors constantly breaking down.

a. Courthouse | Bat Removal Update

Discussion: Looking into renting a lift to install the 4 bat houses that we have on hand. In the meantime, was told, and has found to be effective, spraying Lysol as a bat deterrent.

10. MIS | Reports:

a. Administrative Report

Discussion: Most likely to see expenses related to the county wide system interruptions.

11. Closing - Future Agenda Items


- Nothing at this time.

Adjournment – The next regular Public Works Committee meeting is set for **Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 4:00 pm.**

Motion: Moved by Supervisor Manning, seconded by Supervisor McKee to adjourn the meeting.

All voting aye, motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,



Lisa Mueller

Bookkeeper, Highway Department