

Public Works Committee Minutes
Tuesday, April 14, 2015 – 8:00 a.m.
Public Works Department Committee Room

Call to Order. Chair Bussie called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 8:00 a.m.

Committee Members Present. Supervisors Arnold, Bussie, Driscoll and Richard

Committee Members Absent. Supervisor Fox

Staff Members:	Ben Coopman	Public Works Director
	Deb Lawton	Secretary II
	Lori Williams	Parks Director

Others Present:	Tom Presny	Parks Advisory Committee
	Dean Paynter	Parks Advisory Committee

Approval of Agenda. Supervisors Arnold and Richard moved today's agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes. Supervisors Arnold and Driscoll moved the minutes of March 10, 2015. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. Ben discussed the resolution coming up on today's Staff Committee agenda. The resolution opposes the state budget proposal for transportation alternatives program grant funds and complete streets legislation and recommends that the \$2 million budget cut be restored.

The Chair decided to move up highway business.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Approve Resolution Authorizing Sale of Easement to Wisconsin Power and Light Company, DBA Alliant Energy to Install a Natural Gas Regulator Station at the Highway 59 Garage. Supervisors Arnold and Richard moved the resolution. Ben explained the Committee approved an easement for this project at a previous meeting. It was determined a full resolution was required. MOTION CARRIED.

PARKS BUSINESS

Approve Resolution Authorizing Application with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for Snowmobile Grant Funds. Supervisors Richard and Arnold moved the resolution. MOTION CARRIED.

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Approve Resolution Acceptance of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources County Fish and Game Project Funds. Supervisors Driscoll and Arnold moved the resolution. MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Resolution Opposition to Freezing the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program Fund. Supervisors Arnold and Driscoll moved the resolution. Discussion on the resolution took place. Supervisor Richard stated he could not vote for this resolution as he is not in favor of maintaining the Stewardship Program Fund at its current level. He would support the resolution if it was at a reduced level of funding. Lori discussed the lack of funding from this program for the last 13 years and stated she wants to be as compromising as possible. MOTION CARRIED 3-1 WITH SUPERVISOR RICHARD DISSENTING.

Parks Director Report. Lori reported the burn season is upon us and we will begin burning this week. The dock is in at Royce Dallman County Park but not at Happy Hollow or Gibbs Lake. She discussed joint burn project with City of Beloit again this year. She is interviewing prospective new employees for summer help and for one full-time opening we have.

Approve Vouchers/Bills/Encumbrances/Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments & Transfers. None.

Parks Advisory Committee Remarks. Tom Presny distributed photos of recent brushing work done at the Five Arch Bridge and Turtle Creek Parkway. Chair Bussie thanked them for their work. They are hoping to start a Friends of Turtle Creek Parkway group in the near future. Lori also had a photo of the Five Arch Bridge she had taken after the cleanup.

Next Meeting Date. The next parks meeting will be Tuesday, May 12.

Adjournment. Supervisors Arnold and Driscoll moved to adjourn at 8:50 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Lawton
Secretary II