

Public Works Committee Minutes  
Tuesday, February 12, 2013 – 8:30 a.m.  
Department of Public Works Committee Room  
3715 Newville Road - Janesville, WI

Call to Order. Chair Yankee called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 8:30 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Arnold, Bussie, Brown, Fox and Yankee

Committee Members Absent: None

Parks Advisory Committee Members: Floyd Finney, Dean Paynter and Tom Presny

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

Others Present: None

Approval of Agenda. Supervisors Arnold and Bussie moved the agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes of January 8, 2013. Supervisors Brown and Arnold moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements. None.

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

## **PARKS BUSINESS**

Consider Resolution Endorsing the Rock County Beloit-Janesville Bicycle Trail Route for Designation as a State Trail. Supervisors Fox and Brown moved the resolution. Lori stated this has been an ongoing project with various stakeholders. Applying for this designation will offer avenues of funding and publicity.

Tom Presny discussed the state trail designation. The state does not gain any control over the trail with this designation.

Dean stated this will help out financially. This designation is beneficial. There are discretionary funds available from the state and some might be available for paying for appraisals, etc.

Lori stated she received a letter from *Visit Beloit* supporting this designation.

MOTION CARRIED.

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Consider Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract for Magnolia Bluff Park Trail Improvements. Supervisors Brown and Fox moved the resolution. Lori stated this resolution is to award the contract for trail work at Magnolia Bluff County Park. The low bid was from Ultimate Excavating of Fort Atkinson for \$48,300. Lori discussed the bids and the spread of the bid prices. Discussion on using new vendor took place. Lori stated that she along with a DNR representative will be overseeing this project. A Parks staff person will be on site as well. More discussion on performance and payment bonds took place. MOTION CARRIED.

Project Report. The Project Report was discussed at length.

Open House Meetings Regarding the Planning Process for the Ice Age National Scenic Trail (NST) in Rock County. Proposed corridor maps were included with the agenda and viewed by the Committee. The Committee discussed the three proposed alternative corridors. There will be three open houses:

- April 23 – City of Milton – Gathering Place – 5 - 8 p.m.
- April 27 – City of Janesville – Rotary Gardens – 12 - 3 p.m.
- April 29 – City of Evansville – Creekside Place – 5 - 8 p.m.

A final corridor will be selected after these meetings.

Slideshow of Turtle Creek Parkway Facility. The Committee viewed the latest improvements at Turtle Creek Parkway Facility.

Parks Advisory Committee Comments. Tom Presny reported the candlelight ski-hike at Beckman Mill on February 8 was a good event and made \$226 plus \$100 donation from Mac Farlane Pheasants.

Floyd Finney reported it was an awesome evening at Beckman Mill with the candlelit trails.

Dean Paynter felt it was difficult to get people to Magnolia Bluff or Beckman Mill because of their distance from major population centers. He thanked the Committee for approving the Resolution on the State Trail designation.

Next Meeting Date. Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. The Highway Meeting will be on Thursday, March 7 due to a conflict.

Adjournment. Supervisors Fox and Bussie moved to adjourn at 9:55 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Lawton  
Secretary II

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