

Public Works Committee Minutes  
Tuesday, August 26, 2014 – 8:00 a.m.  
4004 South Oakhill Avenue  
Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport - Janesville WI

Call to Order. Chair Bussie stated Supervisor Fox would be a little late so the call to order was postponed for a few minutes. Chair Bussie called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

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

Committee Members Absent. None

Staff Members:        Ron Burdick            Airport Director  
                             Ben Coopman        Public Works Director  
                             Deb Lawton           Secretary II  
                             Jodi Timmerman    Deputy Corporation Counsel

Others Present:        Bonnie Oleson        WJJO  
                             Gary A. Demrow     Interested Citizen

Approval of Agenda. Supervisors Arnold and Richard moved today's agenda, moving up items 7b and 8a just after approval of agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

## **HIGHWAY BUSINESS**

Consider Replacement of Cattle Pass on CTH H. Mr. Demrow had a cattle crossing culvert under CTH H and wants it put back in place. The Highway Division found an unused old cattle crossing while reconstructing CTH H and put in a smaller culvert.

(Brent Fox arrived.)

Mr. Demrow requested that the cattle crossing be replaced and he and Jim Babcock, Rock County Public Works Construction Superintendent, agreed to a 5' culvert, which the County then installed. Mr. Demrow then requested a 6' culvert because he did not feel the 5' culvert would be quite large enough. Ben Coopman stated the cost of pulling out the 5' culvert and replacing with a 6' culvert would cost approximately \$17,000. More discussion took place with Mr. Demrow agreeing that the 5' culvert could work. He also stated that more work needed to be done, including removal of stumps and dirt moved. At the present time, Mr. Demrow could not access the cattle crossing because of all the debris, let alone a cow.

Mr. Demrow stated he does not use the cattle crossing currently because the fence needs to be rebuilt. Once he rebuilds the fence, he does intend to run cattle through the crossing.

Jodi Timmerman stated it is up to the Committee to make a decision on this issue.

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Supervisor Richard stated it is a primary goal of government to take care of an individual's rights. We are infringing on his property rights by not replacing the culvert. Mr. Demrow discussed his frustration with dealing with the Highway Division. He called around and no one told him about this Committee. He did not know it existed.

Chair Bussie stated she is surprised the people he spoke with did not know there was a county highway committee and was surprised they did not refer him to this committee.

Supervisors Richard and Fox moved to table this permanently with the intention of discussing cattle passes in the future. MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Bussie stated it is up to Ben Coopman to do the proper landscape work and make the 5' culvert acceptable, and put this on next month's agenda. Chair Bussie requested that a copy of that meeting agenda be sent to Mr. Demrow.

Approval of Minutes. Supervisors Richard and Fox moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements.

**AIRPORT BUSINESS**

Update on Music Event. Bonnie Oleson pointed out on the map where the show would be held: along USH 51 south of the SC Aviation hangar. She distributed her contact information to all committee members.

Election of Vice-Chair. Supervisors Arnold and Richard nominated Supervisor Fox. Chair Bussie called for more nominations three times. Supervisors Arnold and Richard moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Supervisor Fox as Vice-Chair. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes June 24, 2014. Supervisors Richard and Fox moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. Jodi Timmerman was introduced as the new Deputy Corporation Counsel. Chair Bussie introduced Supervisor Driscoll as the newest member of this committee.

Approve Resolution Awarding Contract for T-Hangar Painting. Supervisors Arnold and Fox moved the resolution, awarding the bid to Krahn Painting of Bristol for \$10,350. Discussion on tearing down old t-hangars took place. MOTION CARRIED.

Approve New FAA Requirements for Federal Funding. Supervisor Richard and Chair Bussie moved the requirements. MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Bills, Encumbrances/Pre-Approved Encumbrances, Amendment and Transfers. None.

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Airport Accounts Receivable. Ron distributed the report for discussion.

Information Items: Project Updates on Terminal Building and Perimeter Road. Ron stated the contractor for the terminal building project stated it will be done by the end of September.

Ron reported we are still waiting for funding on the parking lot. It may be delayed until next July. Discussion on how best to move ahead to obtaining funding took place. Rock County has the bid for the perimeter fencing. He also reported on marketing materials being worked on for the restaurant.

Next Meeting Date. Tuesday, September 23 will be the next meeting. It will include all Highway business as there will be no Highway meeting on September 11.

Adjournment. Supervisors Arnold and Richard moved to adjourn at 9:35 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Lawton  
Secretary II