April 17, 2006

Chairman Theobald called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Four members present. Wunderlin arrived at 9:10 a.m.

An observance was made by Masters that the meeting had been duly advertised. Seconded by Clifton. Motion carried unanimously.

Clifton made a motion to accept the agenda. Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes were accepted by Clifton. Seconded by Thomas. The motion carried unanimously.

The following additions were made to the agenda: None.

The following items were on the agenda:

Old Business:

1) 50/50 Bridge Discussion. Leo presented to the Highway Committee the approximate costs of the 50/50 bridges for the Town of Brigham and the Town of Ridgeway. The approximate cost of the 50/50 bridge in the Town of Brigham on Mounds View/Prairie Grove Rd. is $60,000.00. The approximate cost of the 50/50 bridge in the Town of Ridgeway on Hands Hill Road is $56,000.00. Motion by Clifton, seconded by Wunderlin to proceed with the 50/50 bridge construction on both roads. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

1) Skidsteer purchase. The Highway Department will purchase a new 2006 S130 Skidsteer Loader from K & L Bobcat, Inc. in Darlington, WI. The cost of the new skidsteer, with the trade of Unit #299 which is a 2005 S130 Bobcat Loader with 150 hours, is $500.00. Motion by Thomas, seconded by Masters to trade Unit #299 and purchase a 2006 Skidsteer from K & L Bobcat. Motion passed unanimously.

2) Discussion of MSA atmospheric tester. The Highway Department currently has a Scout atmospheric tester that needs to be calibrated before every use. Thomas showed the Highway Committee the MSA atmospheric tester that would be faster and easier to use than the
current atmospheric tester the Highway Department has. The cost of the MSA atmospheric tester ranges from $1,180 to $1,380 depending on the size purchased. Masters made a motion to gather more information concerning the possibility and benefits of purchasing a MSA atmospheric tester. Motion was seconded by Clifton. Motion passed unanimously.

3) Discussion of State sign boards. No action taken.

4) County Q Reduced Speed Limit Discussion. Leo received a letter from Diane Straka of Highland Wisconsin. Ms. Straka expressed concern about the speed limit reduction on Hwy Q northwest of Dodgeville. Ms. Straka is opposed to the speed limit reduction which has been lowered to 45 m.p.h. The Highway Committee agreed that her letter had good points, but decided at this time to leave the speed limit at 45 m.p.h. on County Q northwest of Dodgeville. However, in the future Ms. Straka’s points will be taken in consideration for additional speed limit reduction requests. Motion by Thomas, seconded by Wunderlin to uphold the current speed limit of 45 m.p.h. on County Q northwest of Dodgeville. Motion passed unanimously.

5) CRP land extension discussion. No action taken.

6) Signage of Relocation Order for Bridge Project on CTH - K. Motion by Masters, seconded by Clifton to sign relocation order for the bridge project on CTH – K. Motion passed unanimously.

7) Discussion of removal of steam boiler. No action taken.

Clifton made a motion to approve vouchers #343 through #392, for a total of $185,656.99. This includes one payroll of $110,822.67. Wunderlin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Theobald. Seconded by Masters. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.
Minutes by Lisa Rose Vosberg