

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BIG STONE COUNTY BOARD
Highway Department Five-Year Plan Meeting
August 5, 2014

The Big Stone County Board of Commissioners met in the conference room at the Highway Department at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, August 5, 2014. Chairman Olson called the meeting to order with Commissioners Athey, Berning, Olson, Sandberg and Wulff present. Also present were Craig Johnson, Steve Emde, Chris Emde, Don Stueve, Darby Karsky, Toby Reiffenberger, Derrick Loeschke, Mark Dietz, County Engineer Nick Anderson, and County Auditor Michelle Knutson.

Discussion was held on County Ditch 2. The results from the hydraulic study will be available next week. It appears that lowering the weir six inches will not help upstream landowners. There is mixed opinion on whether the new weir should be installed. The water level has not met the 10 inches since the rock weir was put in place, but those present believe that a new sheet pile weir will be better than the existing rock weir. Following the discussion, motion by Olson, seconded by Wulff and carried to install the sheet pile weir.

Discussion was held on Joint Ditch 4. Motion by Wulff, seconded by Athey and carried to authorize \$3,000 to finish removing silt along the ditch on County Road 61. A Joint Ditch meeting will need to be scheduled to authorize additional funds to clean the west branch.

Engineer Anderson reported on the meeting with the viewers and Haukos' regarding benefits on Joint Ditch 24. Engineer Anderson also reported that they are moving forward on the tile project.

Engineer Anderson reviewed the 5-year plan for road construction. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Wulff and carried to approve more seal coats projects for completion in 2014. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Berning and carried to approve the plan as amended.

The 5-year plan for major equipment expenditures was presented. Motion by Wulff, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the plan as presented.

Discussion was held on County Road 51.

Engineer Anderson reviewed the financial condition of the Highway Department to date.

Engineer Anderson reviewed current construction projects. Discussion was held on the Whetstone Diversion Project and how that would affect CSAH 15. Motion by Sandberg, seconded by Berning and carried to remove the portion of this summer's CSAH 15 project that will be impacted by the Whetstone Diversion Project if it happens.

Discussion was held on needed updates to the Ortonville Shop. Engineer Anderson reported that the Correll Shop will shut down for the winter and the maintenance worker will report to the Ortonville Shop during that time.

Discussion was held on the County's wetland credits. Engineer Anderson is working on resolving the issues.

Engineer Anderson reported that they will be drafting a new job description for a Sign/Maintenance position. Anderson feels that this position should be separate from the Shop Foreman position.

Chairman Olson declared the meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM.

Brent Olson, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Michelle R. Knutson, Auditor