

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Monday, December 9, 2019

Room 1107, Administrative Center

4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Patrick Barlow, Ralph Geary, Matt Nikolay, Ray Ebert, Maureen Freedland, Steve Doyle, Randy Erickson
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	None
MEMBERS ABSENT:	None
OTHERS PRESENT:	Steve O'Malley, Ron Chamberlain, Jadd Stillwell, Jim Speropulos, Mary Kaufmann, Amy Twitchell, Bryan Jostad, Brian Fukuda, Megan Devore, NaoHoua Tony Yang, Alice Sorenson, News 8

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Patrick Barlow called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2019 PWI COMMITTEE MEETING

MOTION by Freedland/Nikolay to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2019 PWI Committee Meeting with one typographical error. **Motion carried unanimously.**

CONSENT AGENDA (INFORMATIONAL):

- a. 2020 Winter Road School, January 13-15, 2020
- b. Report on the Bid Results for CTH GI, CTH PH and CTH SS

MOTION by Erickson/Doyle to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.**

CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT: NONE

APPROVAL OF THE 2020 HMONG NEW YEAR FESTIVAL AT VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

Approval is requested on behalf of the Hmong Cultural and Community Agency, Inc. and the Hmong community in La Crosse to hold the Hmong New Year Festival 2020 on September 19 and 20, 2020 at Veterans Memorial Park again. The Hmong New Year Festival is an annual festival and it is one of the most important celebrations in the Hmong community.

MOTION by Freedland/Geary to approve. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF THE 8TH ANNUAL GOOSEBUMPS RUN/WALK AT GOOSE ISLAND PARK

Approval is requested by the Local Lupus Alliance to host the 8th Annual Local Lupus Alliance Fundraiser "Goosebumps 6 & 24 Hour Run/Walk" on September 18 and 19, 2020 at Goose Island County Park.

MOTION by Erickson/Geary to approve. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF THE GRANDAD HALF MARATHON AT VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

The Facilities Director requested that this agenda item be pulled from the agenda.

APPROVE EXTENSION OF THE FARMLAND LEASE

Jim Speropulos, Facilities Director, requests approval of the Agreement to Extend Farm Lease between La Crosse County and Rob Everson for another three years ending February 28, 2023. **MOTION** by Doyle/Geary to approve. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF EXCLUSIVE PURCHASE OPTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF WEST SALEM AND THE COUNTY OF LA CROSSE RELATED TO WEST SALEM TAX INCREMENTAL DISTRICT #1 (LAKEVIEW BUSINESS PARK)

MOTION by Ebert/Geary to approve. La Crosse County and the Village of West Salem have worked cooperatively in developing the Lakeview Business Park in West Salem, Wisconsin. Certain real estate described on Exhibit A is owned by La Crosse County. In the past, La Crosse County has marketed these parcels in conjunction with West Salem Tax Incremental Finance District No. 1 with the County providing preliminary funding for infrastructure within the district and then being reimbursed by the Village under a municipal revenue sharing agreement. La Crosse County has now transferred the duty to complete additional infrastructure improvements in this area to the Village and the revenue sharing agreement has been amended. The parties agree that it makes more sense for one entity to be in charge of both negotiating the sale of these lands and deciding on and funding public improvements for the parcels sold. The most appropriate means to accomplish this goal is for the parties to enter into an "Exclusive Purchase Option Agreement" which would allow the Village, after successfully marketing the land to a third party, to purchase the land from the County or the La Crosse County Economic Development Fund and then to sell the land to the third party. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF THE SEMI-TRACTOR RFP

The Road Tractor is primarily used for pulling the goose neck, low deck, hydraulic equipment trailer and the brine tank trailer. The brine tank trailer is used for spreading brine during icy and snowy conditions. The existing road tractor was purchased in 1999 and will be used as a backup and for short distance hauling. Based on the evaluation scores, the evaluation team recommends the International HX620 from Debauche Truck & Diesel in the amount of \$132,874. **MOTION** by Freedland/Nikolay to approve. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF THE LOWBOY TRAILER RFP

This trailer will be used primarily for hauling construction equipment such as excavator, crawler dozer, etc. It is replacing Unit 700, the current equipment hauling trailer, which was purchased in 2008. Unit 700 is being traded-in toward the new purchase. The evaluation team recommends the purchase of a goose neck, low deck, and hydraulic equipment trailer from Brooks Tract Inc. in the amount of \$62,500, after the trade-in amount of \$19,000. **MOTION** by Nikolay/Erickson to approve. **Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION RE: SUPPORT FOR STH 16 ONALASKA CONNECTOR TRAIL AND LA CROSSE RIVER MULTI-USE PATH BRIDGE PROJECTS

The La Crosse County Comprehensive Plan encourages transportation systems that are based on regional priorities and encourages cooperative efforts to further build upon a countywide bicycle-pedestrian trail system that provides safe and efficient routes to interconnect all incorporated cities and villages in La Crosse County. The La Crosse County Landfill Conceptual Natural Resource Management Plan & Trail & Recreation Master Plan has established the goal for the Landfill Trail System to connect with regional and city trails. The La Crosse Area Planning Committee (LAPC) on Transit and Active Transportation has proposed establishing the signing a regional bicycle route connecting south La Crosse to

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downtown West Salem along an alignment to include the STH 16 Trail. **MOTION** by Freedland/Geary to approve. **Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF JURISDICTIONAL TRANSFER AGREEMENT WITH VILLAGE OF BANGOR REGARDING CTH B

MOTION by Erickson/Nikolay to approve. The County of La Crosse may make deletions from the County Trunk system pursuant to §83.025, Wis. Stats., with the approval of the municipality where the proposed deletion is located and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT). La Crosse County and the Village of Bangor have negotiated a transfer of jurisdiction, whereby the County will transfer a portion of CTH B to the Village of Bangor. La Crosse County and the Village of Bangor have negotiated the terms of a jurisdictional transfer agreement, whereby La Crosse County would delete the above-referenced portions of CTH B and the Village of Bangor would add such portions to the Village highway system effective December 20, 2019. **MOTION** by Erickson/Geary to amend the Resolution to strike the word 'Holmen' anywhere in the Resolution and replace it with the word 'Bangor'. **Amended motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR THE SALE OF PROPERTY TAKEN BY TAX FORECLOSURE

MOTION by Nikolay/Erickson to approve. La Crosse County advertised for the sale of a parcel of property, La Crosse County parcel number 18-1142-0 which were the subject of a prior tax foreclosure action. A bid was received on November 20, 2019. The sale and appraised value of the real estate was advertised by publication as required by law. It is requested that the highest responsive bid be accepted for the one parcel. **Motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL LAKE NESHONOC DREDGE PROJECT AND PHOSPHORUS CREDIT AGREEMENT

MOTION by Ebert/Nikolay to approve. It is anticipated that Lake Neshonoc will be the subject of a dredge project in the upcoming year. Since Lake Neshonoc is a lake created by the Neshonoc Dam, most of the bottom is land that is legally owned by La Crosse County. Since the original dredge project was completed, the sediment disposal site ("the bowl") has been conveyed by La Crosse County to the Village of West Salem for future dredge work and storm water retention issues. At the time of this initial dredge project in 2000, there were no phosphorus credits available for such a project and, therefore, no phosphorus credit agreement was entered into by the parties. The Village of West Salem Sewer Utility and the Lake District are prepared to take financial responsibility for the cost of the dredging operations. La Crosse County will work with the Village of West Salem and the Lake District to maximize the use of any phosphorus credits granted by the State as a result of the dredge project. **Motion carried unanimously.**

CLOSED SESSION: The Committee may entertain a motion to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat., s. 19.85(1)(e). Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. **TO WIT:**
Acquisition of Real Estate for the Purpose of County Highway SN Project. The Committee will reconvene to open session at the conclusion of the closed session, and may, before proceeding to the next agenda item, take action on the closed session issue.

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MOTION by Geary/Erickson to approve going into closed session at 4:52 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION by Doyle/Ebert to approve going back into open session at 5:04 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

No official motion was entertained during the closed session.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: January 6, 2020

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Request will be brought forward for opening all of the northern county highways to ATV traffic.

ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION** by Doyle/Erickson to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Approved January 6, 2020, Alice Sorenson, Recorder