

March 1, 2013

Pipestone County Road and Bridge Hearing
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The Pipestone County Commissioners met for the annual Road and Bridge Hearing at the Mn Dot Conference Room. Commissioners present were Chairman Harold (Butch) Miller, Luke Johnson, William Johnson, Jerry L. Remund, County Administrator Sharon Hanson, Highway Engineer David Halbersma, Assistant Engineer Nick Bergmann, Maintenance Supervisor Doug Nagel, Senior Sign Engineering Technician Jerid Johnson, Engineering Technician Bruce Wollan and Sign Technician Eric Woodley present. Commissioner Bruce Kooiman absent.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Miller welcomed the city/township officials and members of the public present and called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Chairman Miller stated the purpose of the Annual Road and Bridge meeting is to obtain input from other local units of government and from the public in order to formulate a program for the utilization of available Federal, State and Local funds for road improvements and bridge replacements, to seek input on proposed safety projects and Public Right of Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG) under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

COUNTY HIGHWAY ENGINEER DAVID HALBERSMA

Assistant Engineer Bergmann reviewed 2012 projects and constructions costs.

Engineer Halbersma reviewed the status of the local bridges, the load posted and restricted status and the proposed construction timeline for these bridges.

Engineer Halbersma reviewed projects and construction costs as detailed in the Tentative 5 Year Construction Plan. The Tentative 5 Year Construction Plan is also located on the Pipestone County website www.pipestone-county.com.

Engineer Halbersma reviewed tentative Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) projects in 2013, 2015 and 2016.

HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PLAN (HSIP)

Engineer Halbersma reviewed potential Highway Safety Improvement Plan (HSIP) projects that were identified in a recent safety plan conducted for Pipestone County: widening shoulders, rumble strips, wider striping, curve improvements, signage, intersection signage and lighting, and ground-in-wet reflective white edge striping.

ADA PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINES

Engineer Halbersma presented information on compliance measures for Public Right of Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG) under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) that requires public entities with more than fifty employees to develop a transition plan that details steps towards compliance with the ADA. The County Board at the February 5, 2013 Road and Bridge meeting directed Engineer Halbersma to proceed with the transition plan that would provide a schedule of priorities for compliance.

MISCELLEANOUS ROAD AND BRIDGE ITEMS

Engineer Halbersma presented information on sign retro reflectivity, spring load postings, recent changes to Minnesota Statutes in township road allotment requirements, upcoming roadway jurisdictional review by MNDOT, Toward Zero Deaths meeting to be held in Pipestone March 12, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. and proposed grant potential for County Road 67 (Cemetery road in City of Pipestone).

Engineer Halbersma reviewed township road and bridge allocations as a result of turning back county roads to townships starting in 2004.

Hearing no further comments or questions, motion by Remund, seconded by L. Johnson to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: L. Johnson, W. Johnson, Miller, Remund. Nays: None. Absent: Kooiman. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Harold (Butch) Miller
Pipestone County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Sharon Hanson
County Administrator