

The Pipestone County Commissioners met for the annual Road and Bridge Hearing at the Mn Dot Conference Room. Commissioners present were Chairman Bruce Kooiman, Luke Johnson, Les Nath, Jerry L. Remund and Dan Wildermuth. Others present: County Administrator Sharon Hanson, Highway Engineer David Halbersma, Assistant Engineer Nick Bergmann, Maintenance Supervisor Doug Nagel, Senior Sign Engineering Technician Jerid Johnson, and Engineering Technician Eric Haack.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Engineer Halbersma welcomed the city/township officials and members of the public present and called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Engineer Halbersma 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.

**COUNTY HIGHWAY ENGINEER DAVID HALBERSMA**

Assistant Engineer Bergmann reviewed 2014 projects and Engineer Halbersma presented 2014 construction costs and funding sources.

Engineer Halbersma reviewed the June 2014 flood event that occurred in the Edgerton area and the road and bridge work completed following the event.

Engineer Halbersma reviewed bridge construction history and current age of bridges in the County.

Engineer Halbersma reviewed Minnesota Department of Transportation bridge load restrictions as well as general load restriction information.

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](http://www.pipestone-county.com).

Public comment was received on future projects locally and the need for additional funding in order to complete some of the needed projects.

Engineer Halbersma reviewed tentative Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) projects in 2015, 2016 and 2018.

**ROAD AND BRIDGE FUNDING**

Engineer Halbersma reviewed funding sources for road and bridge funding through the Users Tax Distribution Fund and other possible sources of funding through a wheelage tax, sales tax and aggregate production tax.

**MISCELLANEOUS ROAD AND BRIDGE ITEMS**

Engineer Halbersma informed the Board that once spring 2015 road postings are issued, they can be found on the County's website at [www.pipestone-county.com](http://www.pipestone-county.com)

Hearing no further comments or questions, Engineer Halbersma adjourned meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

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Bruce Kooiman  
Pipestone County Board Chair

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Sharon Hanson  
County Administrator