

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works
CHAIRPERSON: John Creighton
DATE/TIME July 24, 2023 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

☒ Creighton
☒ Heitkamp
☐ Trost

☐ Endress
☒ Heuerman

☒ Grizzoffi
☒ Holt

Others: Steve Keeffer, Tammy Cahill(Zoom), Ron Mapes

MINUTES

1. Minutes

Joe Heitkamp made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 22, 2023 Public Works meeting, Bob Heuerman seconded, and the motion carried.

2. Citizens' Comments

None

3. Highway Department

a. Old Business

1. Project Schedule Update

Steve Keeffer prepared a map of the county with all active projects delineated. The committee discussed many of the projects and their progress/status.

2. Solar Electricity Options at the Hanover Facility

No updates.

3. County Cemetery Discussion

Steve Keeffer was asked to investigate the cost of a plaque and/or sign.

4. UTV Usage on Public Roads

John Creighton presented the committee with an updated draft ordinance to allow the usage of UTV's on County Highways. Ron Mapes spoke about his observations from UTV usage in Wisconsin and other counties in Illinois that have passed UTV ordinances. There was additional discussion regarding the economic impact of UTV usage. This item will continue to be discussed.

5. County Accident Map

Steve Keeffer has been working with the GIS Department to produce a map.

6. Noxious Weeds

The County Weed Commissioner has been made aware of the concerns with Poison Hemlock. Possible enforcement actions are being investigated since it is not on the state list of noxious weeds.

b. New Business

1. Berreman Township Cost Share Project

Steve Keeffer presented the committee with a request from Berreman Township for a cost share project on Krise Road. An existing across the road culvert is failing and has caused a hole to form in the aggregate surface of Krise Road. The project would be to replace the culvert at an estimated cost of \$15,000. John Grizzoffi made motion to approve the project request at an estimated cost of \$15,000, Bob Heuerman seconded, and the motion carried.

5. Citizens Comments

None

6. Board Member Concerns

None

The meeting concluded 7:53 P.M.