

**DeWITT COUNTY  
ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE OF MEETING: April 12, 2023

PLACE OF MEETING: DeWitt County Highway Department  
9900 Revere Rd, Clinton, IL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jamie Prestegaard – Committee Chairman, John Wertz, Claro Carter, Kristina Deerwester

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Mathon – County Engineer

**SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:**

Chairman Prestegaard called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Motion by Carter, seconded by Deerwester, to approve minutes of March 15, 2023 Road & Bridge Meeting. Unanimous.

Motion by Deerwester, seconded by Wertz, to approve payment of bills. Unanimous.

Mathon shared with the committee that the MFT General Maintenance Material Bids, due to advertising requirements, would be opened on Monday 4/17. The materials on this letting are mainly bids for aggregate and bituminous materials (oil) used for sealcoat. Once bid tabs were available on Monday, Mathon would distribute to the Road & Bridge committee along with the Full Board. The bids will be forwarded to the Finance Committee for consideration and then submitted to the Full Board for award. Motion by Carter, seconded by Wertz to forward bids to Finance Committee. Unanimous.

Mathon presented a quote from Martin Equipment for repairs to the John Deere 160 C Excavator. The quote includes parts and labor for the replacement of the right-hand travel motor assembly. The existing condition of the hydraulic drive motor makes maneuvering of the machine and climbing of any grades difficult. Mathon indicated that the excavator was a useful piece of equipment to have available for completing ditch cleaning and culvert installation work, and its current condition severely limits its usefulness. Motion by Carter, seconded by Wertz, to forward the John Deere 160C Excavator repair quote for from Martin Equipment for \$18,470.00 to the Full Board for consideration.

Mathon introduced a travel request for the IACE Spring Conference. Mathon shared the conference is May 8-10 in Bloomington. Motion by Carter, seconded by Wertz, to approve the travel request for the Spring IACE Conference May 8-10. Unanimous.

Mathon shared that he had been forwarded the email that had been sent to the full County Board regarding intersection in Creek and Nixon townships. The intersections mentioned in the email were Ospur Rd (CH 15) at White Pigeon Rd (CH 5) and Friends Creek Rd (CH 14) at IL 48. Mathon indicated those locations were among several that he has begun gathering information including accident data and roadway geometrics prior to the design and construction of potential safety treatments.

Mathon informed the committee that the road improvement work for the wind farm was essentially complete, and that the one remaining item involved a culvert replacement for the Barnett Special Drainage District on Green Valley Rd just north of Flatland Rd. Mathon had a meeting on Thursday 4/6 with Enel regarding this culvert, and that Enel and the Drainage District were in agreement that a check would be cut to the Drainage District for the material cost of the culvert in question, and the Drainage District, Barnett Township Road District, and DeWitt County Highway Department would provide for the installation of said culvert.

Mr. Carter brought up a question regarding the usage or usefulness as well as appearance with the stockpile of dirt on the County's Rowell Stockpile location. Mathon indicated that stockpile area on County Highway 11 was used regularly for any maintenance work that is done on Rowell Rd (CH 11), Kenney Rd (CH 7S), or Hallsville Rd (CH 7N) and that having stockpile locations away from the County Highway Department was advantageous to operations in that it allowed for greatly reduced travel times to locations that are remote to the Highway Department shed in Clinton. It was discussed the stockpile location itself was purchased as part of the realignment of the curve in Rowell Rd and that the stockpile of black soil resulted from the construction of the widening of Rowell Rd. Mathon informed the committee that the highway department does occasionally sell soil from the stockpile, and that's the County did incur cost for said material from the purchase of right of way and construction of the existing alignment of Rowell Rd.

Motion by Deerwester, seconded by Carter, to adjourn at 6:12 p.m.

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

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Motion by Carter, seconded by Wertz, to approve the travel request for the Spring IACE Conference May 8-10. Unanimous.

Motion by Carter, seconded by Wertz to forward bids to Finance Committee. Unanimous.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNTY BOARD:**

Motion by Carter, seconded by Wertz to forward bids to Finance Committee. Unanimous.

Motion by Carter, seconded by Wertz, to forward the John Deere 160C Excavator repair quote for from Martin Equipment for \$18,470.00 to the Full Board for consideration.

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Chairman

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