

**Kankakee County
Highways & Waterways Committee
May 23, 2024**

The meeting of the Kankakee County Highways & Waterways Committee was held on May 23, 2024 and was called to order by Committee Chairman, Mr. Carrico at 9:00am. The following members were present:

Mr. Carrico, Mr. Miller. Mr. Dunnill, Mr. Snipes, Mr. Kerkstra, Mr. Smith, Ms. Turner, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Alexander-Hildebrand

Members Absent –Mr. Fetherling, Mr. Ashcraft, Ms. Rittmanic-Emme

Department Heads Present –Greg Heiden, Ben Wilson. Delbert Skimerhorn

Media Present – Present

Public Commentary –None

Minutes of the Last Meeting

March 21, 2024

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve, and Mr. Kerkstra seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Mr. Kerkstra made a motion to amend the agenda and have the Highway Department go first, and Mr. Alexander-Hildebrand seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Highways

Bidding & Letting

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Mr. Dunnill made a motion to open the sealed bids, and Ms. Turner seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

KVCC \$970,583.44

Gallagher \$922,330.24

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the lowest responsible bidder after review, and Mr. Snipes seconded it. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 8 ayes and 0 nays. Voting aye were: Mr. Carrico, Mr. Miller. Mr. Dunnill, Mr. Snipes, Mr. Kerkstra, Mr. Smith, Ms. Turner, Mr. Wheeler

County Engineer Pay Estimates

Mr. Heiden reviewed the pay estimates with the committee.

Mr. Dunnill made a motion to approve, and Mr. Smith seconded it. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 8 ayes and 0 nays. Voting aye were: Mr. Carrico, Mr. Miller. Mr. Dunnill, Mr. Snipes, Mr. Kerkstra, Mr. Smith, Ms. Turner, Mr. Wheeler

Resolutions

Resolution Authorizing the County Board Chairman to Sign Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation and Appropriating Matching Tax Funds for Bridge Replacement on County Highway 17 over Exline Slough

Mr. Heiden reviewed with the committee, discussions were held.

Mr. Dunnill made a motion to approve and Mr. Kerkstra seconded it. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 8 ayes and 0 nays. Voting aye were: Mr. Carrico, Mr. Miller Mr. Snipes, Mr. Kerkstra, Mr. Smith, Ms. Turner, Ms. Rittmanic-Emme, Mr. Wheeler

Waterways

Aroma Park Sediment Progress Update

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Wheeler gave an update to the committee regarding the Aroma Park Project. Discussions were held.

Old Business

Heritage Prairie Wind Farm Update

Mr. Heiden gave an update and stated there will be a public hearing in Dwight.

New Business

Mr. Wheeler asked for an update on the 9000 Rd project in Manteno. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Heiden advised that it is on track for a June letting to get started.

Mr. Snipes asked about Metra from Chicago to Kankakee.

Mr. Wilson stated there had been a study and it was cost prohibitive. Discussions were held on transit.

Adjournment

Mr. Dunnill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:23am, and Mr. Miller seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Antonio Carrico, Committee Chairman

Kelly Bylak, Executive Coordinator

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