

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: June 9, 2020
LOCATION: Kendall County Highway Department
MEMBERS PRESENT: Scott Gryder, Matt Kellogg, and Matt Prochaska
STAFF PRESENT: Ginger Gates, John Burscheid and Fran Klaas
ALSO PRESENT:

The committee meeting convened at 3:30 P.M. with roll call of committee members. Gilmour and Cesich absent. Quorum established.

Motion Kellogg; second Prochaska, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion Prochaska; second Kellogg, to approve the Highway Committee meeting minutes from March 10, 2020. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion Kellogg; second Prochaska, to recommend approval of the low bid from Altorfer Industries in the amount of \$62,500 for purchase of a Caterpillar 259D3 Compact Track Loader and attachments. Engineer Klaas reported that there were bids on 5 different machines by 4 different bidders. There was a slightly lower bid than the Caterpillar bid, by just \$331; but that bid was for a machine that did not meet several of the specifications. By roll call vote, motion approved unanimously.

Motion Kellogg; second Prochaska, to recommend approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between Kendall County and the Village of Minooka for shared maintenance within rights-of-way. This IGA essentially provides for the mowing and maintenance of parts of Ridge Road within the corporate limits by an agent of the Village of Minooka. The State's Attorney Office and attorney for Minooka have worked on the language for a long time, and finally agreed. Prochaska recommended putting on Board's consent agenda. By roll call vote, motion approved unanimously.

Motion Kellogg; second Prochaska, to recommend approval of a resolution authorizing the use of eminent domain to acquire certain parcels of land for roadway purposes along Ridge Road between Theodore Street and Caton Farm Road in Kendall County, Illinois. Klaas explained that this includes just 2 parcels on the west side of Ridge Road across from the Plainfield South High School. The County has had previous experience with one of the owners. Property taxes have been sold on the other parcel. Klaas believes that the County might have difficulty acquiring both of these parcels. He reminded the committee that, as in the past, eminent domain action would not be filed without first coming back to the Board for final direction. But this resolution typically puts owners on notice that the County is serious about the acquisition. By roll call vote, motion approved unanimously.

Motion Kellogg; second Prochaska, to recommend approval of an ordinance establishing an altered speed limit on Jughandle Road. By roll call vote, motion approved unanimously.

In other business, Klaas reported that he had some good news. All land acquisition for the Eldamain Road project was officially certified by IDOT on June 5, 2020. He indicated that the

County was continuing to work on environmental issues for the project. Those include a separate tree removal contract for Eldamain, which will take place from October 1st to 15th of this year. In other news, the Slippershell Mussel has been taken off the State Threatened Species List, which will simplify coordination for this specie going forward. Finally, it appears that IDOT will allow the County to use \$3 million STR (federal) for the Eldamain Bridge Project. This, coupled with an additional \$4 million Rebuild Illinois MFT funds, should reduce the County's bond issue to something near \$10 million.

In regard to the Collins Road Extension project, there was also some good news. The proposed bridge over Morgan Creek is being redesigned as a double 12'x7' box culvert. According to Klaas, this will save hundreds of thousands of dollars and simplify the placement and construction of the proposed multi-use path over the culvert by Oswegoland Park District. In regard to funding for this project, in addition to the \$5 million of Rebuild Illinois funds, the County is in line to receive \$2.5 million of STP funds (federal) through Kane-Kendall Council of Mayors, if that is approved by the full council later this month. This should reduce the local share of funding on this project to less than \$5 million.

Gryder asked about the status of the Millington Bridge repairs. Klaas reported that D Construction is looking to get back in the River soon.

Motion Prochaska; second Kellogg, to forward Highway Department bills for the month of June in the amount of \$388,634.55 to the Finance Committee for approval. By roll call vote, motion approved unanimously.

Motion Prochaska; second Kellogg, to adjourn the meeting at 3:48 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Francis C. Klaas, P.E.
Kendall County Engineer

Action Items

1. Low bid from Altorfer Industries in the amount of \$62,500 for purchase of a Caterpillar 259D3 Compact Track Loader and attachments
2. Intergovernmental Agreement between Kendall County and the Village of Minooka for shared maintenance within rights-of-way
3. Resolution authorizing the use of eminent domain to acquire certain parcels of land for roadway purposes along Ridge Road between Theodore Street and Caton Farm Road in Kendall County, Illinois
4. Ordinance establishing an altered speed limit on Jughandle Road