HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: May 12, 2015
LOCATION: Kendall County Highway Department
MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Koukol, Jeff Wehrli, Judy Gilmour, Scott Gryder, and Matt Prochaska
STAFF PRESENT: Fran Klaas, Andy Myers & Ginger Gates
ALSO PRESENT: Jeff Wilkins, Andrez Beltran, P.J. Fitzpatrick & Kelly Farley

The committee meeting convened at 4:03 P.M. with roll call of committee members. Gryder absent. Quorum established. Gryder arrived at 4:19 P.M.

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

Motion Gilmour; second Prochaska to approve the Highway Committee minutes from the April 14, 2015 meeting, and the joint Kendall – Grundy Highway Committee meeting minutes on April 15, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Koukol; second Wehrli to approve the bid of Maintenance Coatings to place modified urethane pavement markings on several county highways for a total bid price of $137,588.54. The County Engineer described how paint pavement markings have not been holding up very well, and that modified urethane markings appear to last longer and stay brighter than other markings. Highways to be marked include Galena Road, Rock Creek Road, Walker Road and Caton Farm Road. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion Koukol; second Wehrli to approve a petition from Na-Au-Say Road District to utilize County Bridge Funds to pay 50% of the cost of a new box culvert on Schlapp Road just south of Illinois Route 126. The total anticipated cost for the project is $320,000, which means each agency would pay $160,000. Klaas explained that the Road District did not want to wait to get Township Bridge Program Funds, because that could take as many as 12 years. By using joint bridge monies, it would allow the Road District to move forward immediately with the needed project. The costs include engineering, land acquisition and construction. Only land acquisition and engineering costs would occur this year, while construction would be in 2016. This would allow the County to budget for the construction in next fiscal year’s budget. Koukol asked about how much land acquisition was required. Klaas indicated that only a thin strip on each side of the existing right-of-way would be needed. Total acreage would be less than an acre. Gilmour asked about the breakdown of costs. Klaas estimated that construction would be about $280,000, engineering would be about $25,000 and land acquisition about $15,000. Wehrli thought that it was important to move forward with this project for public safety reasons, and supported the Road District in their efforts. Motion to recommend approval of the petition to the County Board was approved unanimously.

Motion Wehrli; second Gryder to approve the intergovernmental agreement between Kendall County and the City of Plano governing the expenditure of 2015 KC-TAP Funds. Motion approved unanimously.
Motion Wehrli; second Gryder to approve the intergovernmental agreement between Kendall County and the Village of Oswego governing the expenditure of 2015 KC-TAP Funds. Motion approved unanimously.

A preliminary engineering agreement between Kendall County and Hampton, Lenzini and Renwick was presented to the Committee. Motion Gilmour; second Prochaska to approve said agreement. This project includes the design of new pedestrian signals, push buttons, and crosswalk pavement markings at the Orchard Road / Caterpillar Drive intersection. The intersection is seeing an increasing amount of pedestrian traffic as residents on the west side of Orchard Road are trying to get to the commercial properties on the east side of Orchard Road. Orchard Road is very busy, with about 25,000 vehicles per day. Estimated construction costs are about $60,000. The State’s Attorney Office has reviewed and approved the Agreement. The motion to recommend approval of the agreement to the County Board was approved unanimously.

Klaas asked the Committee to consider what to do with acquired Eldamain Road right-of-way, especially in the Fox River Bluffs area south of the Fox River. Is there a desire to continue leasing the property for agricultural purposes, and recoup some of the money spent to acquire the property; or would the Committee be interested in canceling the farm leases, and delineating the new right-of-way with some other cover crop? The latter would allow access to the south bank of the River in the event the County wanted to do some tree removal in advance of road or bridge construction. Koukol and Gryder thought delineating the new right-of-way would be a good idea and would allow a path to get down to the River. Prochaska, Wehrli and Gilmour thought that continuing to lease the property for farming would be better due to the uncertainty in actual construction of the project. The consensus of the Committee was to look at this matter again in the fall to see if the Forest Preserve and the County could work cooperatively to lease this property for farming in future years.

The County Engineer described the recent call for projects through the Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors for unobligated STP Funds. He recommended that the County should support and submit applications to fund 3 different projects; two on Eldamain Road and another for the Grove-Collins-Minkler-Orchard Corridor. The latter application would be for Phase II Engineering. This project is an excellent candidate because it is regional in nature, has inter-agency support, and isn’t a large dollar value. Indications from KKCOM were that it would be a strong candidate. The other two projects are on Eldamain Road. The north Eldamain project application would be for additional construction monies on the Menards-to-Galena section of the road. This project already has $2.5 million federal money. But that cap has been lifted in this call for projects; and it is eligible for additional STP money. The final project is for construction money for the part of Eldamain Road from River Road to Route 34. This section of Eldamain has poor horizontal alignment, a narrow bridge, and a history of accidents. The STP application would request construction money in the latter years of the program. The Committee discussed the idea of entering into one or more intergovernmental agreements with Village of Oswego to define the responsibilities of each agency. But the resolutions of support are needed now to be submitted with the STP applications, which are due in June. Motion Gryder; second Prochaska to recommend approval of the support resolutions to the County Board. Motion carried unanimously. Wehrli thought it would be important to sit down with Oswego at some point to try to come to agreement on the responsibilities of each agency. Wilkins suggested that perhaps a Memorandum of Agreement might help memorialize the intentions of both parties.
Motion Koukol; second Wehrli to forward Highway Department bills for the month of April in the amount of $201,659.86 to Finance Committee for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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

ACTION ITEMS

1. Low bid from Maintenance Coatings to place pavement markings on County Highways in the amount of $137,588.54

2. Petition from Na-Au-Say Road District to pay for 50% of the cost of a box culvert replacement on Schlapp Road in the amount of $160,000 from the County Bridge Fund.

3. Intergovernmental Agreement w/ City of Plano governing 2015 KC-TAP Funds

4. Intergovernmental Agreement w/ Village of Oswego governing 2015 KC-TAP Funds

5. Preliminary Engineering Agreement w/ Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick for design of pedestrian traffic signal improvements at the intersection of Orchard Road and Caterpillar Drive in the amount of $15,428.80; to be taken from the Transportation Sales Tax Fund.

6. Resolution supporting the STP Application to Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors for Phase II Engineering funding on the Grove-Collins-Minkler-Orchard Corridor.

7. Resolution supporting the STP Application to Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors for construction funding of the Eldamain Road improvement from Menards Distribution Center to Galena Road.

8. Resolution supporting the STP Application to Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors for construction funding of the Eldamain Road improvement from River Road to U.S. Route 34.