HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: October 10, 2017
LOCATION: Kendall County Highway Department
MEMBERS PRESENT: Matt Kellogg, Judy Gilmour and Bob Davidson
STAFF PRESENT: Ginger Gates, Fran Klaas and John Burscheid
ALSO PRESENT: Bruce Talbot, Jarrod Cebulski, and Nathan Holmer

The committee meeting convened at 4:02 P.M. with roll call of committee members. Scott Gryder and Lynn Cullick absent. Quorum established.

Motion Gilmour, second Kellogg to approve agenda as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion Davidson, second Gilmour to approve the Highway Committee meeting minutes from September 12, 2017. Motion approved unanimously.

Intergovernmental Agreement between Kendall County and City of Plano is not yet ready to be presented to the County Board for consideration; so it will be brought back through committee at a later date.

Bruce Talbot presented information on the WIKADUKE Trail study that is being performed by Cemcon. He stated that Cemcon has been doing a lot of data collection over the past few months, including the old SRA Study, floodplain and wetland mapping, soils maps, zoning maps, comprehensive plans, traffic counts from IDOT, as well as the Heggs/Eola Road connector plans at U.S. Route 30. Cemcon has also recently requested some GIS data from Kendall County to aid in the mapping process. Finally, Bruce discussed the Hudson Pointe subdivision proposal in the Village of Oswego. That subdivision includes construction of part of the WIKADUKE Trail. The subdivision’s proposed alignment does not exactly coincide with the recorded centerline of the WIKADUKE Trail. At the current time, the subdivision proposal appears to be on the back burner. The committee discussed some aspects of the proposed alignments, the possible environmental difficulties in using the recorded alignment, and the potential impacts of the WIKADUKE Trail on Wolf Road. Committee also discussed the possible jurisdiction of the Trail, considering that the current county jurisdiction ends at Plainfield Road, approximately 3.5 miles south of Rance Road. Bruce reported that he has discussed the project with City of Aurora. Aurora is planning to make the Heggs / Route 30 connection next year, and that part of the project is funded. He has also discussed with Village of Oswego. Oswego now favors the Stewart Road alignment as opposed to the old recorded centerline. Bruce was going to be meeting with Village of Plainfield later this week. Klaas recommended that Cemcon document any boundary agreements with the municipalities in this area, as it will likely determine future jurisdiction. Bruce thought that Cemcon would be able to wrap up the study within the next 6 months.

Kellogg provided an update on the progress of the Collins Road Extension project. Davidson asked what part Oswego is playing in the project. The handshake agreement was that Kendall would work on the preliminary engineering, while Oswego would work on the land acquisition. However, Klaas reminded the Committee that because of the likelihood of federal funding in the
project, the County would have to follow the Uniform Act in any and all land acquisition. So additional conversations will need to be held with Oswego to determine the path going forward. Part of the conversation would include a jurisdictional transfer of Grove Road north of Collins Road from Kendall County to Village of Oswego.

Sherrill Road construction should be wrapped up within the next 30 days. Low bid on Eldamain Road – Contract A was received from Plote Construction at $8.9 million. 2nd low bidder was D Construction at $9.2 million. Construction on that project should begin later this year or first thing next spring. Eldamain Road will be closed during construction of the Rob Roy Creek Bridge. Millington Bridge is still on pace to go to letting in March or April of 2018. Repairs would then be made during the summer of 2018. Land acquisition on Grove Road is going well, although Klaas reported that it looks like eminent domain might be needed on 1 parcel.

Motion Davidson; second Gilmour to forward Highway Department bills for the month of October in the amount of $1,161,721.83 to the Finance Committee for approval. Motion approved unanimously. Davidson discussed the request from the County Engineer to get a credit card for the Highway Department so that parts can be ordered online. Gilmour suggested getting a card that would provide for good interest rate and perhaps cash back that could go back into Highway Department funds. This matter will be discussed at future Finance Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 4:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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