

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: December 10, 2019
LOCATION: Kendall County Highway Department
MEMBERS PRESENT: Amy Cesich, Judy Gilmour, Matt Kellogg, and Matt Prochaska
STAFF PRESENT: Ginger Gates, John Burscheid and Fran Klaas
ALSO PRESENT: Ryan Sikes and Yemi Oyewole

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

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

Motion Prochaska; second Gilmour, to approve the Highway Committee meeting minutes from November 12, 2019. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion Prochaska; second Gilmour to recommend approval of the low bid from P.T. Ferro Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$2,929,469.93 to improve Grove Road near Van Dyke Road, including replacement of Structure 047-3016; said funds to be taken from the Transportation Sales Tax Fund. Klaas reported that there were 6 bidders on the project. The low bid was about ½ percent lower than the engineer's estimate. He recommended approval of the low bid. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion Kellogg; second Prochaska to recommend approval of a Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement between Kendall County and HR Green in the amount of \$1,199,526.07 for Phase 2 Engineering of the Collins Road Extension; said funds to be taken from the Transportation Sales Tax Fund. Klaas described the quality-based selection process that was used to select the consultant for phase 2 engineering. The selection committee included Scott Gryder, Amy Cesich and Fran Klaas. The selection committee believed that HR Green was best qualified to complete the engineering for this project. Cesich asked if the cost was in line with typical engineering costs, and Klaas indicated that it was in the normal range of 8% to 10% of construction cost estimates. Kellogg asked about the State money that was recently obligated to this project from the Rebuild Illinois Program. Klaas reported that the \$5 million was allocated solely for construction. Additionally, Kendall County will be applying for STU funds through KKKCOM, and is hopeful that these additional federal funds will be earmarked for this project. Kellogg also asked about land acquisition efforts. Klaas has had some preliminary discussions with Oswego about acquisition efforts, and Oswego's part in the process. Cesich and Prochaska emphasized the importance of this part of the project, and the fact that Oswego will need to be a partner in the land acquisition efforts. Cesich and Klaas provided additional information on the consultant selection process for this project. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion Prochaska; second Kellogg to recommend approval of the Kendall County Long Range Transportation Plan 2019-2039. Klaas discussed elements of the proposed plan, including the legal requirement to file the Plan with the Illinois Department of Transportation. Committee members discussed several projects in the Plan, including the Eldmain Corridor. They agreed that the southern limit of Eldmain Road should be shown at Walker Road. Prochaska suggested

the idea of River Road being a County Highway. Committee discussed the merits of this idea, the current jurisdictions of the roadway, and the safety issues. No action was taken to include this roadway in the Long Range Plan at this time. Kellogg was concerned about intersection improvements on Ill. Rte. 126, specifically at Grove Road. He thought it might be a good idea to move the project forward, depending on what IDOT has planned for Route 126. Kellogg also reminded the committee that it has been 5 years since vehicle registrations were checked to insure accuracy in Boulder Hill and other areas. MFT revenues are based on vehicle registrations, so it is important to have accurate records. Klaas will check with Latreese Caldwell to see if this could be reviewed again. Motion to forward Plan to County Board approved unanimously.

Motion Prochaska; second Gilmour to recommend approval of the Kendall County 5-Year Surface Transportation Plan 2020-2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Under Other Business, Klaas announced that the Millington Bridge is scheduled to reopen next week with a 5-ton load limit. This will allow cars and pickup trucks to cross the bridge; but no other heavier vehicles. The bridge will have to be closed again next summer when the water is low to make the final repairs to the piers. Prochaska asked about emergency vehicles. Klaas thought that most ambulances would be near the 5-ton load limit, and should have no problem crossing, whereas fire trucks would definitely not be allowed, as they are very heavy, and generally only have 3 axles. School buses would also be too heavy to cross the bridge. Kendall County is providing all the signing for the modified detour. Kendall and LaSalle Counties will also have approximate \$20,000 costs from the contractor to reopen the bridge.

Motion Prochaska; second Gilmour to adjourn the meeting at 4:09 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



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

Action Items

1. Low bid from P.T. Ferro Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$2,929,469.93 to improve Grove Road near Van Dyke Road, including replacement of Structure 047-3016; said funds to be taken from the Transportation Sales Tax Fund.
2. Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement between Kendall County and HR Green in the amount of \$1,199,526.07 for Phase 2 Engineering of the Collins Road Extension; said funds to be taken from the Transportation Sales Tax Fund.
3. Kendall County Long Range Transportation Plan 2019-2039
4. Kendall County 5-Year Surface Transportation Plan 2020-2024 (Revised 12-17-19)