



Effingham County Board
101 N. 4th Street, Suite 301, Effingham, IL
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January 9, 2024 7:30 AM.
Road and Bridge Committee Meeting
MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Norbert Soltwedel, Doug McCain, Tim Ellis,

Committee Member Absent:

Others Present: Becky Hoopingarner, Dave Bushue, and Greg Koester

Minutes

- T. Ellis moved/ N. Soltwedel seconded to approve December 12, 2023 minutes. Unanimous. *Motion carried.*

Reviewed and Signed Claims

Old Business

1. Update on ARPA Funds for Township Drainage Structures – Spent ½ of the million dollars. Lucas, Liberty, and Mound are done with the ARPA. Good progress overall and will update committee again in March.
2. Sell 2012 New Holland Tractor – Bishop Twp no longer interested in tractor but Summit has expressed interest.
3. Upgrading Rock Stockpile Location near Mason – Mason Township agreed to allow the county to use an unused portion of their property as a stockpile site when we have oiling operations in the area. In return, county will perform up to \$1500 worth of work to Mason Township on the years we use the site, this agreement is similar to other townships we work with.
4. Job Openings – Will post maintenance opening on website. Hope to have filled by end of March.
5. Purchase of New Tandem Dump Truck – Committee approved low bids last month. Higgs Welding bid on dump body was approximately \$8,000 higher but exceeded some bid specs. Low bidder (Knapheide) agreed match some of the higher specifications at little to not cost. Doubtful if completed truck is received this year.

New Business

1. Sign Inspections – We completed night inspections last week.
2. Agreement with IDOT to utilize local roads to expedite I-70 construction in 2024 – Start project after eclipse in April. Use Teutopolis Frontage Road and Teutopolis township road during construction. Agreement outlines that IDOT will be responsible for any damages.
3. Winter Weight Postings – Postings go into effect January 15th and will be on website.
4. Status of Maintenance –
 - Ditch projects;
 - Trail maintenance performed.
 - Trimming back trees/brush near roads and bridges – Pine trees on the ROW along Teutopolis Frontage Road being removed. D Bushue have cooperated with adjacent property owners who agreed that some are dying and would start falling on the roadway. Easier and safer to address them now then in the middle of the night.

General Information/Public Comments -

Adjournment – N. Soltwedel moved/ T. Ellis seconded to adjourn, unanimous.

COUNTY ENGINEER

DATE

CHAIRMAN OF ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE

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Minutes submitted by Becky Hoopingarner,