



## MEETING MINUTES

**Committee:** Langlade County Administrative – Town Unit Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, June 13, 2024

**Time:** 5:30 PM

**Location:** County Board Room, Lower Level of the Safety Building

**The following discussion was held by the Committee at the meeting detailed above:**

As a courtesy to others, please silence cell phones and please notify the Chairman if you intend to record this meeting. Social distancing was observed.

- 1. Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM**
- 2. Conduct Roll Call by Unit Chairperson Antoniewicz.** Chairperson Antoniewicz announced that this meeting was recorded.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE		
Name	Role	Status
Ben Pierce	Member	Present
John Medo	Member	Absent
Todd Mayr	Member	Present
Bruce McDougal	Member	Present
Andy Bauknecht	Member	Present
Justin Sorano	Member	Absent
Steve Maier	Member	Present
Others Present		
Name		Interest
Leah Antoniewicz – Langlade County Unit Chair		Jason Hilger- County Administrator
Niel Schueller – Langlade County Unit Vice-Chair		Brian Braun- Highway Commissioner
Chairperson Antoniewicz took Roll Call, 11 Towns & Village Represented, 19 Town and County Officials Present		David Allen- Assistant Highway Commissioner
Other members of the Public		

- 3. Recite the Pledge of Allegiance and please silence all cell phones.**
- 4. Approve/amend the minutes:** Motion by Curler, second by Clark to approve the previous meeting minutes of March 14, 2024. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 5. Brief introductions:** Those in attendance did introductions.
- 6. Legislator Reports:** Maggie Cronin, Representative Tiffany’s Office discussed working with the Wisconsin Veterans Association; Trust the Science Act; a New Bill introduced called Seniors’ Access to Critical Medication Act; Congressional App Challenge; the Application deadline to attend the Military Academy is September 27, 2024.  
John Foss, Representative Johnson’s Office gave a Legislative update: the Farm Bill is on a one-year extension; Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriations are due September 30, 2024. At the House, there are 12 Appropriation Bills to fund the government. Political Messaging Bills, Foss stated these are Bills designed to not pass, but do well in the media: Reproductive Freedom, Right to Contraception Act; Bipartisan Border Bill.
- 7. County Highway Department to discuss Brushing Town Roads using the Langlade County Highway Department:** Highway Commissioner Braun and Deputy Commissioner Allen presented the Committee with a PowerPoint presentation discussing the best practices to control vegetation management. Braun discussed tools the County Highway Shop can offer to the Townships, including site visits with recommendations on brushing roadways. Braun stated typical mid-summer the Highway Shop starts mowing the State right-a-ways, this is typically done once a year. Braun stated he is working with the DOT on possibly setting up a second mowing due

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to the unusual growth rate this year due to the rain. Braun discussed the type of equipment used for the mowing. Braun explained the benefit of mowing vegetation for winter plowing, keeping the ditch line clear of debris. Discussion was held on the spread of invasive plant species.

- 8. County Highway Department to discuss Signs that are available from the Highway Department Sign Shop:** Deputy Highway Commissioner Allen gave an update on signs that are available to order/purchase from the Highway Department Sign Shop. Allen discussed ATV and Snowmobile signs that can be made to order. Highway Commissioner Braun discussed the use of retro-reflective signage that has reflective visibility for roadways and the DOT requirements. Braun discussed the County Highway Shop's responsibility for signage on County and State Roadways
- 9. Langlade County Broadband Update – Al Murray or Niel Schueller.** Town of Summit Supervisor Schueller gave an update on Broadband. Schueller stated, per Cirrinity, the projects in Polar, Norwood, and Rolling should be complete this June. Cirrinity will begin the project in Peck, Vilas, and Summit. Phase 2 of the Summit Project is to connect a 300 ft. tower on the Town of Summit Property. The primary purpose of the Summit Tower is to improve Emergency Management Services. The Tower Contract between the County and the Town of Summit has been signed. Frontier has attended the Broadband Commission Meetings. The Broadband Commission is going to review the impact the withdrawal of Spectrum from contracts within Langlade County will have on the County. Discussion held on projected completion dates for all Town Halls to be connected with fiber. Information only.
- 10. WTA Director Reports-** Kevin Koth, WTA District 4 Director: Updated on the WTA 2024 Inaugural Spring Road School; a new Road Program Agriculture Road Improvement Program (ARIP); Surface Transportation Program (STP Local); WTA Pilot Program, help Towns and Counties write grants; WTA Convention will be held at the Stevens Point Convention Center October 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Koth stated it has been an honor to be the WTA District 4 Director but will be resigning as of July 5, 2024. Information only.
- 11. Old Business:** No old Business.
- 12. New Business:** Chairperson Antoniewicz gave a reminder that the Board of Review is coming up soon, to get the training done if needed. Koth stated there is Board of Review Training information on the WTA Website. Town of Evergreen McGee asked what other Towns/Villages do to pick up stray dogs. Discussion held on different procedures.
- 13. Verify the date of the next meeting:** The next meeting date 9/12/2024 at 5:30 in the County Board Room.
- 14. Adjourn the meeting:** Motion by Clark, second by Curler to adjourn the June 13, 2024 WTA Unit Meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Minutes are transcribed by:  
Becky Rank, Langlade Deputy County Clerk