

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
HIGHWAY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF APRIL 5, 2012 MEETING**

Chairman Deany called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm at the Livingston County Highway Department.

Present: Deany, Ruff, Weber (arrived 3:45), Weller (arrived 3:35), Young Holt and Runyon
Absent: None
Other Board Members Present: None
Others Present: Winters

Motion to approve the agenda as amended by Runyon, second by Ruff. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Motion by Holt, second by Ruff to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2012 meeting. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

OTHER ITEMS:

- Duane Enger, Project Manager for Gamesa Minonk Wind Farm was present to discuss an issue with Nebraska Road District and Commonwealth Edison Company. As related to the committee at a previous meeting, Nebraska Road District Commissioner of Highways Keith Iverson is refusing to sign a permit request for Commonwealth Edison fiber optic installation along Nebraska Road District highways because of Commonwealth Edison's refusal to move power poles without payment on a bridge replacement project in the township. Gamesa is under a time constraint that could jeopardize the Minonk Wind Farm timeline if the fiber optic is not installed. Gamesa is willing to pay the disputed fee for the power pole relocation if Keith Iverson will sign the permit for the Fiber optic construction by Commonwealth Edison. The proposal would be to enter into a financial agreement with Gamesa to accomplish this work. Keith Iverson is away but will return next week. Winters, Enger and Iverson will work out the details to expedite an agreement. If this method does not work then the committee proposed to take an agreement to the county board next week and request the county board to enter an agreement to accomplish this work. Motion by Ruff, second by Holt to place the Gamesa – Livingston County Financial Agreement on the Highway Consent Agenda for next week. MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE. If an agreement is successful with Nebraska Road District, the agreement can be removed from the board agenda.
- Winters received a request from an area farmer requesting permission to cut and bale hay on county right-of-way. It was determined that the county does not hold enough interest most highway right-of-way in the county to permit this type of operation. Winters was instructed to inform the farmer that the county does not have an issue with haying the road ditches but it should be coordinated with the owner of the adjacent property to seek permission to bale hay on their property.

COUNTY BOARD CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Letting Results: April 3, 2012
2. Resolution: Resolution appropriating \$10,000 from County Motor Fuel Tax Fund and \$125,000 from County Matching Tax Fund to pay for Livingston County's share of resurfacing CH 8 (1200N Road) from CH 13 (700E Road) easterly 4.8 miles to the west approach of I-55 overpass, Section 06-00100-02-RS.

3. Gamesa – Livingston County Financial Agreement

Motion by Weber, second by Holt to recommend full board approval of the consent agenda items.
MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

CLOSED SESSION: Removed from agenda

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Motion by Weller, second by Holt to approve the bills. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

There being no further business to come before the committee, motion to adjourn the meeting by Young, second by Ruff. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David R. Winters". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "W".

David R. Winters, County Engineer