

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
Monday, March 9, 2026
Room 1107
4:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Joe Kovacevich, David Hundt, Randy Erickson, Ralph Geary, Grant Mathu, Steve Doyle
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	Travis Elam
MEMBERS ABSENT:	

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Joe Kovacevich called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2026

MOTION by Geary/Erickson to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2026, PWI Committee Meeting. **Motion carried unanimously with one excused.**

CONSENT AGENDA (INFORMATIONAL):

- a. HHM annual report

CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT:

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR THE SALE OF PROPERTY TAKEN BY TAX FORECLOSURE

La Crosse County advertised for sale 4 separate parcels of property, which were the subject of a prior tax foreclosure action. Sealed bids were received for the 4 parcels no later than 12:00 PM on Friday, February 27, 2026, and opened by the County Treasurer on the same date at 1:00 PM. The sale and appraised value of the real estate was advertised by publication as required by law pursuant to s. 75.69, Wis. Stats. and the highest responsive bids were accepted by the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee for the 4 parcels. The County Board Chair and County Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any legal documents necessary to accomplish the sale of said properties, after approval of Corporation Counsel. The revenue from the sale of tax delinquent property will be applied toward satisfying outstanding taxes, interest, penalty, and fees. Any surplus funds will be distributed pursuant to state statutes.

MOTION by Doyle/Geary to approve. **Motion carried unanimously with one excused.**

APPROVAL OF 1ST ANNUAL GOOSE ISLAND YOUTH BANK FISHING CLASSIC ON MAY 30, 2026

The La Crosse County Facilities Department – Goose Island Campground, in partnership with Flyway Fence Company is hosting the 1st annual Goose Island Youth Bank Fishing Classic. The fishing tournament is scheduled for May 30th, 2026, with a backup date of August 15th, 2026, if weather conditions are unsafe to fish in May. The catch and release event would start at 8 a.m. with an informational meeting, and fishing would start at 9 a.m., lunch options available 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (possibly longer), with prizes distributed at 3 p.m. The Facilities Director recommends approval.

MOTION by Mathu/Erickson to approve. **Motion carried unanimously with one excused.**

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APPROVAL OF 2026 MATERIALS BID

This is the annual materials bid for aggregate, oil, chips, and asphalt. Because transportation and schedule are factors in deciding which supplier is in the best interest of the County, the Highway Commissioner requests approving all bids that were attached in the agenda.

MOTION by Geary/Erickson to approve. **Motion carried unanimously with one excused.**

APPROVAL OF NN RECONSTRUCTION BID

The NN reconstruction project was an item listed on the 2026 capital improvement plan. The estimated total cost of the project is 4.1 million. The County will complete \$1 of the work needed, including asphaltting and paving. The contractor will complete all other items, estimated at \$3.1million. After reviewing 6 bids, Badger Environmental and Earth Works out of Westby was chosen for a bid of \$2,836,837.42. The Highway Commissioner recommends approval.

MOTION by Erickson/Hundt to approve. **Motion carried unanimously with one excused.**

APPROVAL OF BRUSH/MULCH EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

The Highway Department listed for Brush/Mulch equipment on the 2026 Equipment request, estimated at \$350,000. The operator/driver portion of the purchase is a new CAT mini excavator for \$180,400. The vendor is Fabick out of La Crosse. The remainder of the estimate will be used to purchase additional attachments. The Highway Commissioner recommends approval.

MOTION by Hundt/Erickson to approve. **Motion carried unanimously with one excused.**

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: April 13, 2026

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Approved April 13, 2026. Myranda Schumacher, Recorder.