

MACHINERY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Elizabeth Inn, Plover

March 20, 2008

Item 1. Called to order at 10:00am by Chairperson Tom Dahlke

Item 2. Roll Call

Members in Attendance: Darin Carignan, Sauk County; Gary Sipsma, Vickie Galich, Kenosha County; Tom Dahlke, Waushara County; Randy Schoeneberg, Richland County; Tom Walther, Eau Claire County; Diane Prenot, Buffalo County; Crystal Wells, Langlade County; Mike Ostrenga, DOT - D8; Mark Woltmann, Doug Meek, Susan Scheuerell WDOT

Others in attendance: Donna Bohnenkamp, Grant County; Jeri Grabbert, Iowa County; Wayne Sleger, Michelle Pritzl, Manitowoc County

Item 3. Approval of February 22, 2008 minutes.

The minutes were approved as presented.

Item 4. Approval of agenda

The agenda was amended to add discussion of small plows for pickup trucks (Eau Claire County) and to change the language of Item 7 to include "all classes with blades/LP etc." Future agenda will be expanded to include separate items for "Other business for discussion only" and "Future Agenda Items" (Waushara County).

Item 5. Election of Vice Chairperson

Crystal Wells, Langlade County, was nominated and elected new Vice-Chairperson.

Item 6. Review machinery management committee by-laws (Waushara County)

Chairperson Tom Dahlke described his discussion about term limits for all committees and the rationale for retaining them from the Board's perspective. In addition, he took note of the need: (a) to recognize WisDOT's committee membership (one from central office and one from the regions); (b) to whether alternates are required for commissioners and office managers; and, (c) to change Article VI, Section 3, Item E, which states the year's machinery rates shall be approved by the Board of Directors before August 1 preceding year the effective year. Mr. Dahlke will discuss moving this deadline to November 1st with the WCHA. Mr. Dahlke also asked that a listing of the committee membership be expanded to include email addresses.

Item 7. Review classes with blade "and LP gas, etc." charges to projects and consider alternative approaches for distributing these costs (Winnebago County).

Some of the classes of equipment impacted include: 934,935, and 936 (blades charged to projects); 937 and 710 (fuel charged to project); and, 705, 938, and 9079 (teeth charged to projects). Charging to projects can be difficult when there is little or infrequent use of this equipment and it can be troublesome for field

staff to account for or assign costs. An alternative would be to incorporate these costs into the class cost.

This project charging issue was discussed in the past by the committee. Some of the reasons for not changing at that time included: type of pavement can have a widely varied impact on teeth/bits; need to estimate the number of hours of operation supported by a blade or fuel cylinder, etc.; ease of estimating; cost of some blades relative to cost of unit; and, small tool or overhead charging options.

The committee reviewed each different class of equipment and committee members were asked to bring the issue back to their respective regions for further discussion. This issue will be addressed again in April after representatives have a chance to gather further input from their regions. In addition, pictures for class 705, 9206 and 9207 should be made available to the committee for this April discussion.

Item 8. Review, and modify as needed, the language for Class 440 chip spreaders
(Waushara County).

Language change to eliminate mechanical extension from the description was passed.

Item 8a. Small Plows used on a Pick-Up Truck. (Eau Claire County)

New demands, like bike trails or slotted left turns in median, may indicate the need to create a new class for these smaller plows. Tom Walther was asked to bring back some pictures and any available cost information for the committee to further consider the issue at the April meeting.

Item 8b. Classing Oshkosh Trucks w/ GVW of 34,000 and 44,000. (Marquette County)

This is an issue for future consideration and discussion by the committee.

Item 9. Schedule next meeting.

(Wednesday, April 23, 2008)

Item 10. Adjourn