

MACHINERY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2008 SUMMER HIGHWAY CONFERENCE

The following is a brief summary of some of the topics the Machinery Management Committee has discussed or taken action on since our last WCHA Conference.

Al Guerts our past chairman resigned his position on this committee to take the secretary position of our WCHA. We thank Al for his contributions to the Machinery Management Committee and wish him well on his new assignment. I moved up from vice chair and Crystal Wells from Langlade County was elected the new vice chair.

The by-laws for our committee were reviewed and discussed. We sent a few recommendations to the Board of Directors for review.

All classes of equipment with blades, teeth or fuel charged to the project were reviewed. These include but not limited to reclaimers, routers, heat lances and concrete saws. Some classes were changed by adding to the hourly rate thus eliminating the charge to the project. Some classes such as the reclaimers were left as is. The Department of Transportation sent these changes out to every county.

Snowplow classes were reviewed to investigate whether small pick-up plows should be separated out. Some descriptive language was changed but no other changes resulted.

We have had an ongoing discussion regarding alternate fuels as well as fuel procurement methods by the individual counties. A survey was sent out to each county and we will discuss and analyze the results at a future meeting.

Statewide fuel survey results have impacted the machinery rates this year. A rate adjustment has been made. The committee will continue to monitor the rising fuel costs and adjust the rates again if needed.

Respectfully submitted,

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