

Meeting Summary

To: *All Meeting Participants*

From: *Ronald B. Bray, P.E.*
Project Manager, WSB

Date: *February 5, 2002*

Re: *Meeting Minutes*
CSAH 50 Project Management Team Meeting
Cass County, Minnesota
Wednesday, December 12, 2001, 2:30 PM
WSB Project No. 1326-01

An agenda package was passed around to all persons in attendance.

I. Introductions

The following project management team members were in attendance at the meeting:

David Enblom	Cass County Engineer
Jonathon Large	Cass County Assistant Engineer
Rob Naplin	Mn/DNR Wildlife
Harlan Fierstine	Mn/DNR Fisheries
James Tande	US Forest Service
Vicki Converse	Resident
Robert L. Crom	Ten Mile Lake Assoc. Delegate
John Alden	Ten Mile Lake Assoc., Water Resources
Kirk English	Mn/DNR Waters
Ed Mergens	Portage Lake Assoc.
Ron Bray	WSB & Assocs.
Becky Hauschild	WSB & Assocs.

The following public persons were in attendance:

Bob Nelson
Ellie Nelson
Buzz Converse
Jerry Mills

The following project management team members were not in attendance:

Kelvin Howieson	Mn/DOT State Aid
Dave Johnson	Anderson Bros. Construction Company
Jim Dowson	Cass County Commissioner
John Sumption	Cass County Environmental Services
Dan Steward	Board of Water and Soil Resources
Wayne O. Bierbaum	Shingobee Township
Harris Hostager	Portage Lake Assoc.
John Freetley	Chippewa Nat'l Forest
Steve Frick	Forest Service Cass Lake
Mitch Bouchonville	Forest Service Walker
Michele Hanson	United States Army Corps of Engineers
Tom Somrak	US Forest Service
Don Willis	Ten Mile Lake Association President

II. Public Comments

A. General

- Only 2 homes with occupants at present time: Mills and Converse;
- Loydee Stonebrink called WSB and David Enblom to discuss the pursuance of estimates for a bridge along Alternative 3 (see discussion III.A.2.);

III. Alternative Alignments

- Alternative 2 has been modified based on the survey boundary of the OHW;
- The proposed roadway has been pulled to the south, closer to the garages, to minimize wetland impacts;
- Kirk noted that any wetland that is segregated from the complex will probably be determined as a fill impact;
- Ron explained that those pockets may be utilized to store and treat storm water before it is distributed to the wetland complex or Ten Mile Lake;
- The majority of the comments received preferred to keep the existing road in place for access:
 - Jerry and Vicki both felt that people may not have understood how access could be achieved;

- WSB will look at 2 Options, one will keep the existing road in place, one will look at removing the existing road and providing access to multiple residences from the new roadway;
- It was noted that with removal of the existing roadway, a utility easement would need to remain, which means that no structures could be built over the easement, but turf could be established.

A. Developed Area

1. Revised Matrix (Social & Environmental Concerns)
 - The alternative matrix was revised to the new alignment of Alternative 2;
 - Changes included: less wetland impacts, less right-of-way acquisition, increase in building within 50 ft, potential additional building impacts not illustrated on aerial.
2. Bridge Design/Cost at Wetland
 - A construction estimate was prepared by WSB and was included as part of the agenda package;
 - It was discussed as a group that the bridge does not appear to be a feasible alternative, based on benefit versus cost in light of the revised alternative 2;
 - The alternative will be carried through the environmental process.
3. Soil-Wetland Soundings
 - WSB and Cass County are looking at collecting data on the depth of the peat along CSAH 50: Alternative 2 this winter;
 - After these results are found, construction cost estimates will be done to better determine project costs.

B. CSAH 50 at TH 371

- The Forest Service had tabled their Environmental Assessment for the Woodtick trail realignment this past summer;
- The Forest Service is still working through their environmental process;
- Cass County is not proposing to submit a separate Environmental Assessment for the realignment of CSAH 50 at TH 371, the realignment has been modified to illustrate a Potential Future Alignment.

C. CSAH 50 at CSAH 71

- The agenda package included alternative layouts of CSAH 50 at CSAH 71, please look at to provide comments at the next meeting.

IV. Environmental Issues

A. Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW)

B. Cultural Resources Investigation

- The Leech Lake Heritage Society is currently in the process of completing a Phase I study. These findings will be submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office for their review and conclusion. One option: –No Finding, study ends; second option – Phase II study recommended to determine eligibility for listing on the National Register.
- Archaeological Survey: one prehistoric site has been identified as a potential site for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (report pending);
- Architectural Survey: Potential historic district was located on the north side of Ten Mile Lake, along the existing CSAH 50 corridor. 20 properties have been inventoried and it appears that a Phase II evaluation will be recommended (report pending);

V. Public Involvement

A. Neighborhood Update

- An update letter has been drafted for review by Cass County;
- The letter will be mailed to the neighborhood group that was invited to the previous meeting at the residence of Jerry Mills.

VI. Hydraulic Design Committee

- This will be discussed at our next meeting.

VII. Other

Schedule

- County Board revised their Capital Improvement Plan (CIP);
- CSAH 50 is currently scheduled for construction in 2003, dependent on funding.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next meeting for **CSAH 50** was SCHEDULED for ~~*Wednesday, February 6, 2001, at 2:30 P.M.*~~ This meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting will be rescheduled in March.

NOTE: The above constitutes WSB's understanding of the items discussed at this meeting. If there are any questions, comments or changes, please notify me immediately at (763) 541-4800 or (888)-541-4800.

c: Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
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