

## *Meeting Summary*

**To:** *All Meeting Participants*

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

**Date:** *July 2, 2002*

**Re:** *Meeting Minutes*  
*CSAH 50 Project Management Team Meeting*  
*Cass County, Minnesota*  
*Wednesday, June 19, 2002, 2:30 PM*  
*WSB Project No. 1326-01*

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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:

Jonathon Large	Cass County Assistant Engineer
Jim Dowson	Cass County Commissioner
James Tande	US Forest Service
Dave Johnson	Anderson Bros. Construction Company
Don Willis	Ten Mile Lake Association President
John Alden	Ten Mile Lake Assoc., Water Resources
Rob Naplin	Mn/DNR Wildlife
Harlan Fierstine	Mn/DNR Fisheries
Kirk English	Mn/DNR Waters
Harris Hostager	Portage Lake Assoc.
Ed Mergens	Portage Lake Assoc.
Ron Bray	WSB & Assocs.
Becky Hauschild	WSB & Assocs.

The following public persons were in attendance:

Ray Raetz  
Gail Becher

The following project management team members were not in attendance:

David Enblom	Cass County Engineer
Kelvin Howieson	Mn/DOT State Aid
John Sumption	Cass County Environmental Services
Dan Steward	Board of Water and Soil Resources
Robert L. Crom	Ten Mile Lake Assoc. Delegate (req'd Don Willis to attend)
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
Vicki Converse	Resident
Tom Somrak	US Forest Service

## **II. Public Comments**

### **A. General**

? There were no additional comments received from the members present.

### **B. Loydee Stonebrink**

? Gail Becher noted a comment she received from Loydee Stonebrink: she does not like Alternative 2, she believes that this is moving the problem from the front door to the back door.

? The PMT group consensus is that the bridge for alternative 3 is not a feasible alternative; WSB will contact Loydee Stonebrink for a meeting to discuss the funding issues.

## **III. Alternative Alignments**

### **A. Access Scenarios**

? Becky Hauschild explained the three (3) access alternatives that were developed for the relocation of CSAH 50.

#### 1. Alternative 1: Existing Road Left Inplace

? Alternative 1 leaves the existing road inplace;

? The existing roadway would intersect (stop sign) with the new CSAH 50 east of the Mills residence and west of the Marsh residence;

? Access to the majority of the property owners would remain as is.

2. Alternative 2: Removal of Existing Roadway
  - ? Alternative 2 removes the existing CSAH 50 in its entirety;
  - ? Access to all parcels would be constructed from the new CSAH 50;
  - ? This alternative leaves ten (10) parcels land-locked. These parcels would have to be granted easements from adjoining property owners to receive access.
  
3. Segments of Existing Road Left Inplace
  - ? Alternative 3 leaves a segment of the existing CSAH 50 inplace;
  - ? The existing roadway would intersect (stop sign) with the new CSAH 50 west of the Mills residence and west of the Marsh residence;
  - ? This alternative leaves five (5) parcels land-locked. These parcels would have to be granted easements from adjoining property owners to receive access.

#### SUMMARY

- ? These alternative access scenarios will be presented at a neighborhood meeting;
- ? Ron Bray expressed that it would be difficult to remove the existing roadway for the entire length with the project. Cass County cannot fund the relocation of the roadway, construct new accesses and pay for damages to re-orientate garages;
  - o Once the township receives existing CSAH 50, the property owners could petition the township to vacate the roadway.

#### **B. CSAH 50 at TH 371 (Forest Service Update)**

- ? The Forest Service is still working through their environmental process for the realignment of Woodtick Trail at TH 371;
- ? Jim Tande will check with the Forest Service to see if their EA could include the realignment of CSAH 50.

#### **C. CSAH 50 at CSAH 71**

- ? Two alternatives have been proposed for the intersection of CSAH 50 with CSAH 71.
  - o Alternative 1: Tee CSAH 71 into CSAH 50 at its existing location with mountable curb and gutter to better define the intersection;
    - ✍ This option does not allow for boatlifts to be put in.
    - ✍ Don Hoppe noted that anytime you allow for parking, a street to the lake becomes a lake access.

- Alternative 2: Tee CSAH 71 into CSAH 50 along a new alignment approximately 100-ft westerly of its present location.
  - ✍ David Enblom prefers this alternative for sight line and drainage reasons.
  - ✍ Consensus of the CSAH 71 PMT was to present Alternative 2 at the August 2<sup>nd</sup> CSAH 71 public mtg as the preferred alternative with an extension of the existing road to remain in place.

#### **IV. Environmental Issues**

This was discussed at a previous meeting, there have been no updates.

##### **A. Cultural Resources Investigation**

- ? The Leech Lake Heritage Society has completed a Phase I study. These findings were 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:
  - Three potential prehistoric sites have been identified:
    - ✍ CSAH 50 near CSAH 71;
    - ✍ CSAH 50 near TH 371; and
    - ✍ The third site, east of the gravel pit, was deemed not eligible for listing on the National Register.
- ? Architectural Survey:
  - A potential historic district was located on the north side of Ten Mile Lake, along the existing CSAH 50 corridor.
  - Twenty properties have been inventoried and a Phase II evaluation has been recommended.
    - ✍ It was explained that the owners of the cabins can still do whatever they wish with their cabins as far as construction, etc.; however, a public agency cannot - Unless the city or other governing agency enacts a protection act, usually accompanied by a lump sum payment, then you have to maintain the structure and its historically significant features.

**V. Public Involvement**

**A. Neighborhood Update**

- ? A neighborhood meeting has been scheduled for: **Thursday, July 11, 2002 at 6:30 P.M.** at the Mills residence.

**B. Public Meeting**

- ? It was discussed that a public meeting is not necessary at this time.

**VI. Hydraulic Design Committee**

- ? The Ten Mile Lake hydraulic study has not yet begun, John Alden will keep WSB apprised of the work and any findings.

**VII. Other**

- o Ten Mile Lake Association Meeting: **Saturday, August 3, 2002.**
- o WSB will provide information to the Ten Mile Lake Association on both CSAH 50 and CSAH 71 at this meeting.
- o Portage Lake Association Meeting: **Saturday, July 13, 2002 (tentative).**

**VIII. Next Meeting**

The next meeting for **CSAH 50** was SCHEDULED for *Wednesday, August 14, 2002, at 2:30 P.M.* at the **Cass County Highway Department.** (Note Meeting Place)

**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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