**Newberry County Transportation Committee**

**Minutes**

**April 18, 2023**

**Present:** Mr. O. L. Johnson, Mr. Randy Cannon, Mr. Arnold Hiller, Mr. Henry Reeder

**Absent:** Mr. Wayne Pratt, Mr. Tim Carroll, Mr. Glenn Hamm

**Others in Attendance:** Mr. Mike Pisano, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Gunter, Mr. Foster Senn and Ms. Teresa Ball

**Call to Order-Invocation**

Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order, and Mr. Reeder led the invocation.

1. **Additions, Deletions, and Adoption of the Agenda**

Motion was made to approve the agenda for the meeting held on March 21, 2023, with the addition under new business, Randy Cannon with information on the CTC meeting. Motion was second and all were in favor.

1. **Approval of Minutes from Prior Meeting**

Motion was made to approve the minutes for the meeting held on March 21, 2023. Motion was second and all were in favor.

1. **Financial Report from Treasurer**

Mr. Cannon reported that the cash balance for March 31, 2023, was $4,248,105.87. Funds received were $152,215.92. Total cash balance is $4,400,321.79. Total funds committed are $3,570,724.39 and the uncommitted balance is $829,597.40.

Mr. Cannon reported that the cash balance for the proviso (118.18) funds was $(10,200.00). The total cash balance is $(10,200.00) Total funds committed are $2,000. The uncommitted balance is $(12,200.00).

Mr. Cannon reported that the cash balance for proviso (118.19) was $3,978,476.59. Funds received were $8,987.09. The total cash balance is $3,987,463.68. Total funds committed are $3,964,100.00 and the uncommitted balance is $23,363.68.

Motion made to accept as information only. Motion second and all were in favor.

1. **Old Business/New Business**

**Old Business**

Mr. Johnson said that Mr. Gunter has requested six speed limit signs for the City of Newberry, Pomaria has requested three, Peak requested three, Whitmire requested four and Prosperity requested four. That is a total of twenty signs. I suggest we go up to $50,000. I know there is a discount if you order more than ten.

Mr. Reeder said it seemed to him that the city would request more. Mr. Gunter said they would gladly accept more. We have surveyed the areas and that is what we came up with, but they can be moved to different areas.

Mr. Pisano said that he would like to suggest, a lot of times with speed limit signs, the sizes are based on the area. We could have different criteria for different signs as far as the size. It might not make much difference in the price.

Mr. Cooper said he would need to talk to Tommy Long. One entity would need to do all of the bidding and it would require a lot of details.

Motion requested for $50,000 for the speed limit signs. Motion made, motion seconded, and all were in favor.

**New Business**

Mr. Cannon said that they had a real problem starting last year with prices of cement, which went up by 40%. There is a cement shortage, the contractors can not get cement sometimes. A lot of the contractors are bumping up on how much they can do. The state has cut their projects by 90% for this year. They are trying to get at least two bidders for the projects.

Mr. Pisano asked if there were any discussions about alternatives to CMRB. Mr. Cannon said that they were looking at alternatives.

Mr. Cooper said that the headquarters people are asking the district office to do is, all of the roads that they put in using the cement and full depth reclamation, is to go back and look at them again and see if they couldn’t do something else.

Mr. Johnson said that the $500 commemorative sign for Walt McLeod has been paid for and deducted from our funds. I have talked to Senator Cromer; he would like to have a dedication ceremony on a Sunday afternoon around 3 pm. He will have to decide on a date for the ceremony.

1. **Public Works Report**
2. **Mike Pisano, Newberry County Public Works Director**

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1. **Jeremy Knight. SC Department of Transportation**
2. **Kip Gunter, City of Newberry Public Works Director**

Mr. Gunter said that at the last meeting he announced he had bid out the work for Jefferson, Grace, and Berry Streets. The bid came in and Schumpert was the lowest bid at $83,446 and has been awarded the contract.

Mr. Gunter said he would like to request that once the payment has been submitted, that the remaining funds be added back to the city’s patching funds. I have a couple of roads that need patching.

Mr. Cannon said that they would decide at the next meeting.

Mr. Gunter said that he is still trying to contact the railroad. One gentleman did inform me that the one I spoke to prior had taken another job. He said he would pass the information along to the next person. He couldn’t give me any idea of when that might be.

1. **Public Comments**
2. **Executive Session**
3. **Consideration of Actions on Matters Discussed in Executive Session**
4. **Adjournment**

Motion made to adjourn. Motion second and all were in favor.

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Teresa Ball, Newberry County Public Works Approved