

**Kankakee County
Highways & Waterways Committee
June 22, 2023**

The meeting of the Kankakee County Highways & Waterways Committee was held on June 22, 2023 and was called to order by Committee Chairman, Mr. Carrico at 9:00am. The following members were present:

Mr. Carrico, Mr. Dunnill, Mr. Fetherling, Mr. Snipes, Ms. Armer-Irps, Ms. Turner and Mr. Wheeler

Members Absent – Mr. Smith, Mr. Ashcraft, Ms. Rittmanic-Emme and Mr. Alexander-Hildebrand

Quorum – Present

Department Heads Present –Anita Speckman, Greg Heiden, Ben Wilson

Media Present – Present

Mr. Carrico welcomed Senator Patrick Joyce, State Representative Jackie Haas and a representative from Elgie Sims office to the meeting.

Public Commentary – Ryan Bell from Limestone Fire thanked the committee and board for the ARPA funds to repair the boat for water rescue and gave a special thanks to board member, Craig Long.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

May 18, 2023

Mr. Dunnill made a motion to approve, and Mr. Fetherling seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Introduction and Comments from Guests

None

Waterways

Aroma Park Sediment Progress Update

Mr. Wheeler provided the committee with a presentation on the work that has been done on the river and the equipment that the county is getting in order to complete the many projects. Mr. Wheeler instructed the committee where they could locate the 40-year work plan.

Mr. Wheeler stated that this is not going to be fixed over night and thanked Senator Joyce and Representative Haas and Sims for their efforts. Discussions were held.

Senator Joyce spoke about the river and his commitment to the project.

State Representative, Jackie Haas also spoke in favor of supporting the river project.

Charles Dewes with Burke Engineering gave a presentation and timeline for the Aroma Park river dredging project. Discussions were held.

Highways

Bidding & Letting

None

County Engineer Pay Estimates

Mr. Heiden reviewed the pay estimates with the committee. There were no questions.

Mr. Dunnill made a motion to combine and approve the pay estimates, and Mr. Fetherling seconded it. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays. Voting aye were: Mr. Carrico, Mr. Dunnill, Mr. Fetherling, Mr. Snipes, Ms. Armer-Irps, Ms. Turner and Mr. Wheeler

Resolutions

None

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjournment

Mr. Dunnill made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 a.m. Ms. Turner seconded the motion. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Antonio Carrico, Committee Chairwoman

Kelly Bylak, Executive Coordinator

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fy8-srEKyNE&list=PLuh0IeyRukQSfmybM-E0oe-r3dEYgYxa7&index=7>