

# TOWN OF DRUMMOND

Bayfield County  
Drummond, Wisconsin 54832



Notice of the meeting and agenda was posted at the Post Office and website on February 9, 2020.

**EXTRA TOWN BOARD MEETING:** February 13, 2020.

**CALL TO ORDER:** 2:00 p.m. in the Civic Center by Roy Bloom, Chair.

**ATTENDANCE:** Roy Bloom, Chair; Dick Fredericks, Supervisor; Andy Tuttle, Clerk; Jim Crandall, County Board Supervisor; Mark Jerome, Public Works Director; Jacob Druffner, DNR Dams; Matt Dickenson, DOT project manager, 8 members of the public.

**RUST FLOWAGE DAM:** Jim Crandall facilitated the meeting. The following are highlights of the conversation:

- Matt Dickenson gave brief report on the status of the planned 2024 US Highway 63 reconstruction and dam project.
  - The DOT will not continue to be owner of the dam. If it is not taken over by another entity, they will remove it and build a bridge.
  - If town wants to assume ownership and liability of the dam, the DOT will reconstruct the dam and turn it over to Town.
  - The DOT project capped at a certain level (approx. 1.5 million). They cannot spend more than the preferred alternative. Anything above the capped amount will be the responsibility of the Town.
- Jacob Druffner described the current dam structure and condition.
  - It is classed as a High Hazard Dam because no current hydraulic shadow has been calculated.
  - Ownership would require 3-4 inspections per 10 years at an estimated cost of \$3000 per inspection. Town would be required to contract with engineering firm for inspections.
  - Emergency Action & IOM plans would also need to be updated at an estimated cost of approx. \$2000.
  - The responsible party would be required to do all maintenance on the dam and spillway.
- Matt Dickenson explained the further difficulties of rerouting traffic during construction:
  - A signed detour was not preferred by DOT as it would require upgrading and repairing several roads.
  - A temporary crossing on the “lake side” of the highway would be complicated from an engineering standpoint.
  - The DOT preferred temporary crossing is on the “downstream side” of the highway. This would require the Sanitary District to relocate a lift station.
- A cost estimate for the dam construction could not be given. It would require an engineer to draw up plans and estimate cost.

- In order to get an engineer to draw up plans for a replacement dam, the Town needs to put forth a resolution stating it is interested in taking over ownership of the dam and include an affordable dollar range that the Town would be willing to pay towards the project.
- The DOT would like an answer from the Town as soon as possible.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40