



# KOWALSKI ROAD INTERCHANGE AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 14, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Kronenwetter Municipal Center - 1582 Kronenwetter Drive A121

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## 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Clerk Jennifer Poyer called the November 14, 2024 Kowalski Road Interchange Ad Hoc Committee Meeting to order.

### A. Roll Call

**PRESENT:** Ken Charneski, Judi Akey, Scott Creske, Guy Fredel, Bernie Kramer, Pat Kilsdonk joined the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

**STAFF:** Clerk Jennifer Poyer, Community Development Director Peter Wegner joined the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

### B. Selection of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

#### ITEM 1B. SELECTION OF A CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON.

Motion by Fredel/Creske to nominate Ken Charneski as the Kowalski Road Interchange Ad Hoc Committee Chairperson. Motion carried by roll call vote. 5:0. (Kilsdonk not present.)

Motion by Charneski/Kramer to nominate Guy Fredel as the Kowalski Road Interchange Ad Hoc Committee Vice-chairperson. Motion carried by roll call vote. 5:0. (Kilsdonk not present.)

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

**T.J. Morice, NAI Pfefferle** – Morice represents many of the landowners in the affected area. He commented on the validity of the committee meeting based on the TADI study that concluded there was no justification for an interchange.

**Kurt Seubert, 148525 Smore Lane, Mosinee, WI** – Seubert questioned efficacy Item 4. of the agenda.

**Gary Guerndt, 8201 Ryan St., Schofield, WI** – Guerndt made comments regarding the proposed interchange.

## 3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

**C. Announcement of possible closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 19.85 (1)(e) when deliberating strategy for a public purpose when competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session—namely, discussing strategy to obtain approval of the Kowalski Road Interchange from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration.**

Charneski announced the closed session.

## 4. CLOSED SESSION

Consideration of motion to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85 (1)( c ) for consideration of employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility – to wit Hiring of interim Administrator

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- C. **Discussion and possible action to approve going into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 19.85 (1)(e) when deliberating and discussing the strategy to obtain approval of the Kowalski Road Interchange from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration when competitive and bargaining reasons require a closed session.**

*Motion by Fredel/Akey to go into closed session. Motion carried by roll call vote. 5:0. (Kilsdonk was not present.)*

## 5. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

**Consideration of motion to reconvene into open session.**

- E. **Discussion and possible action to reconvene in open session.**

*Motion by Kilsdonk/Akey to go into an open session. Motion carried by voice vote. 5:0 (Creske was not present).*

## 6. ACTION AFTER CLOSED SESSION

- F. **Discussion and possible action: on strategy to obtain approval of the Kowalski Road Interchange from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration.**

*Motion by Fredel/Kilsdonk to recommend the Village Board have the community development director, public works director and a civil engineer, meet with the regional representatives of the Federal Highway Administration and present ramp locations using the black ramps represented on the map (on the south-map is attached to minutes) after the new administration takes office.*

*Motion carried by voice vote. 5:0 (Akey did not vote.)*

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

- G. **Discussion and possible action on recommendations to the Village Board regarding actions to improve the chances of obtaining approval of the Kowalski Road Interchange by the Federal Highway Administration and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation:**

**A. Participation in the Wausau Metropolitan Planning Organization Planning Commission and the Wausau Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee.**

*Motion by Fredel/Charneski to recommend the Village Board to approve regular representation at the Wausau Metropolitan Planning Organization Planning Commission and the Wausau Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee, and in turn, the representatives would report to the Kowalski Road Interchange Ad Hoc Committee and the Village Board. Motion carried by voice vote. 6:0.*

**B. Approval of Official Map changes to secure the availability of land for the construction of the ramps for the Kowalski Road Interchange.**

*No action taken.*

## 8. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

*Routine update of what's going on behind the scenes.*

## 9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

*A meeting to be scheduled in mid-January 2025.*

## 10. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

*Motion by Charneski/Kramer to approve the November 14, 2024 Kowalski Road Interchange Ad Hoc Committee Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote. 5:0.*

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

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*Motion by Kramer/Creske to adjourn the November 14, 2024 Kowalski Road Interchange Ad Hoc Committee Meeting. Motion carried by voice vote. 6:0.*

*Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.*

