

**PUBLIC HEARING  
DREAM ISLAND BRIDGE REPLACEMENT  
CITY OF CROSSLAKE  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2016  
6:00 P.M. – CITY HALL**

The Crosslake City Council met in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Wednesday, January 20, 2016. The following Council Members were present: Mayor Steve Roe, Gary Heacox, and Mark Wessels. Dave Schrupp and Brad Nelson were absent. Also present were Finance Director/Treasurer Mike Lyonais, City Clerk Char Nelson, Public Works Director Ted Strand, City Attorney Brad Person, City Engineer Dave Reese, and Northland Press Reporter Kate Perkins. There were approximately twenty-five people in the audience.

Mayor Roe called the meeting to order at 6:10 P.M. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Mayor turned the meeting over to City Engineer Dave Reese.

Dave Reese explained that the purpose of the meeting was to review the proposed plans for Option B - 50' Single Span Bridge as recommended by the Public Works Commission and to listen to public comments. Dave Reese provided recent photographs of the condition of the bridge pilings and backer boards. Photographs of the proposed location of the bridge, bypass road, approaches and affected properties were also viewed. Mr. Reese presented a chart comparing the roadway width, channel width, length of bridge, clearance, and costs of the four bridge designs. Mr. Reese gave detailed information on the proposed changes to the right of way, driveway, and road construction. The project would be completed in approximately 50 working days and would most likely begin in fall or winter. Earth tone colors and wood railings are proposed in order to keep an up north look.

If State funding is received, the estimated local share for the box culvert or Option B would be approximately \$80,000. Option C and Option D would cost \$80,000 plus the difference in cost from Option B. Dave Reese presented the proposed assessment of approximately \$1,081 to the 37 parcels on Dream Island if the City proceeds with Option B.

Gary Heacox stated his concerns that the State could decide not to fund any projects or that the City's bridge could not get chosen and the City would be left paying for the entire bridge project. Attorney Person replied that the City could postpone construction of the bridge if funding was not received. The State bonding bills are submitted every two years so the City would be able to resubmit plans in 2018.

Mark Wessels stated he is concerned with impact to adjacent owner's property and increased speed of traffic due to flattened roadway. Mr. Wessels asked if the bridge could be shortened. Dave Reese replied that the City of Crosslake road standards are less than what the County or State require because the City tries to keep narrow roadways. The current width of Dream Island Road is approximately 15' and the proposal is to widen to 20'. Plans include a hump and some dips which could help deter speed. State geometric standards cause the higher elevation and wider embankment. WSN would try to limit impact in the final design. The span of the bridge could be shortened by approximately 5' but that would have little effect to the cost.

Mayor Roe opened the Public Hearing. Mike Lyonais read a letter dated January 19, 2016 from Isaac Budd of 15432 Dream Island Circle that stated his preference for Option C Bridge. Mr. Lyonais read a letter dated January 19, 2016 from Mary and Paul Prescott of 15440 Dream Island Circle that stated their preference for the bridge replacement is Option C.

Karen Friederich of 37698 Moen Beach Trail addressed the Council and read a letter describing the history and reasoning of her preference for Option C or Option B bridges. Mrs. Friederich is not in favor of a box culvert.

Michael Hartung of 15281 Wilderness Trail questioned why the bridge couldn't be built further south to minimize impact to property, why the clearance wasn't higher, and if there were an alternative to the bypass road. Mr. Hartung stated that residents on Wilderness Trail would benefit from a span bridge and that he would be willing to share in the cost. Dave Reese replied that once they start the final design the location could possibly move towards the south. Mr. Reese stated that in order to raise the clearance, a different style bridge would be required.

Diane Driscoll of 37692 Moen Beach Trail addressed the Council and stated that she is in favor of Option C and that she would be willing to share the cost of the project.

Rich Hoppe of 37931 Dream Island Road stated that he represented two thirds of the property owners of Dream Island and that they were all in favor of a box culvert. Mr. Hoppe contacted the DNR Commissioner regarding the approval of a box culvert design. The DNR's reply stated that a determination could not be made until a design application was submitted to them. Mr. Hoppe suggested that the City submit a box culvert design to the DNR. If the design is not approved, the City could submit a span bridge design, which he could like to be about 30-40' in length and have reduced the length to the approaches.

Trish Doede of 37692 Moen Beach Trail addressed the Council and stated that she is in favor of Option C and would be willing to share in the cost. Mrs. Doede is not in favor of a box culvert.

Jeff Schwarze of 37696 Dream Island Road addressed the Council and stated that he owned the property that would be impacted the most by the construction. Mr. Schwarze stated that he could lose half his trees and half his property due to the bypass road and asked why the temporary road could not be built on the west side. Mr. Reese explained that there is less water to the east and that less fill would be required because the bottom is firmer there. Mr. Reese added that tree replacement on this property is part of the proposal.

Darrell Swanson of 37804 Dream Island Road addressed the Council and stated that he considered the reply from the DNR to be favorable because they were not told that a box culvert is prohibited. Mark Wessels asked if both Option A and Option B could be submitted to the DNR and allow the DNR to decide which bridge would be best. Attorney Person replied that the Council must decide on one design to be submitted. If the design is rejected then the City could submit another one. Mr. Swanson also asked if the speed limit of 15 mph could be maintained.

DNR Area Hydrologist Heidi Lindgren addressed the Council and stated that the DNR will only accept one design per application. Ms. Lindgren added that at past Public Works Commission

meetings she explained the DNR rules and regulations regarding bridges that include the concerns of box culverts. Ms. Lindgren stated that she has not said "no" to a box culvert design and that the application must go through the process at the DNR before a decision can be made.

Steven Friederich of 37658 Moen Beach Trail addressed the Council and asked whether or not the residents on Moen Beach Trail would be included in the assessment roll. Dave Reese replied that the Council has not made a determination of what properties would be assessed. Brad Person suggested that the final assessment hearing be held before the construction begins so that any appeals to the assessments are received prior to project commencement. Mr. Friederich stated he would like a bigger bridge and a deeper channel. Dave Reese replied that the scope of the project is to build a safe bridge and maintain current clearance. It was noted that the current flow is one foot per second. Mr. Friederich stated that maintaining the 15 mph zone is important and asked what would happen if no funding was received from the State. Dave Reese replied that it would be a Council decision whether or not to proceed with the project. Mr. Friederich added that the cost of the bridge should be spread to all City residents and not just those in the area of the island.

Rod Doede of 37692 Moen Beach Trail addressed the Council and stated that most residents on Wilderness Trail and Moen Beach Trail would be willing to share in the cost of a span bridge but not of a box culvert. Mr. Doede apologized to the residents whose property would be impacted by the project.

Steve Lindstam of 37646 Moen Beach Trail addressed the Council and stated he was in favor of a span bridge because the quality of the water is getting worse.

Vern Hahn of 15626 Dream Island Lane addressed the Council and agreed that the water quality is deteriorating and was in favor of a span bridge. Mr. Hahn asked how deep the water is under the bridge. Dave Reese replied that the water was one foot deep in the fall and that after the project it could be between two to two and a half feet deep. Mr. Hahn noted that there was a similar situation in Hutchinson and that the longer the span of the bridge the deeper the channel became.

Rich Hoppe was given a second turn at the podium and asked if the water flow would increase with any of the proposed bridge designs. Mr. Reese replied that the water flow remains the same with all styles of bridges.

MOTION PH1-01-16 WAS MADE BY MARK WESSELS AND SECONDED BY GARY HEACOX TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AT 8:25 P.M. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Mayor Roe noted that the Council could not make a decision tonight because the 4/5 vote requirement could not be obtained as only three Council Members were in attendance. Gary Heacox stated that he would like more information on the box culvert design and was concerned that the City could get stuck with the entire cost of the bridge if the State funding is not received. Mayor Roe was concerned that if the City submitted plans for a box culvert and the DNR did not

approve the application, the City would not have enough time to submit another plan in time to receive State funding. The bridge project would be delayed at least two more years.

MOTION PH1-02-16 WAS MADE BY MARK WESSELS AND SECONDED BY STEVE ROE TO CONTINUE THE MEETING ON FEBRUARY 1, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES. Mayor Roe noted that no further public comment would be taken on February 1<sup>st</sup>. There being no further business at 8:32 P.M., the Council recessed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charlene Nelson".

Charlene Nelson  
City Clerk  
City Clerk/Minutes/1-20-16

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