Minutes of Watab Town Board Special Meeting of September 20, 2016

The Watab Town Board held a special meeting with Jon Bogart, Town Engineer, as a work session on the 85th and 95th Street projects. It was held on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at the Watab Town Hall and was called to order by Vice-Chair Craig Gondeck at 7:00 p.m. Others in attendance were Supervisor Lloyd Erdmann, Treasurer Eileen Saldana, Clerk Pat Spence, Jon Bogart, Sandy Rau, Anna Saldana, and Bob Raveling.

Motion was made by Supervisor Erdmann, second by Supervisor Gondeck and passed to have Jon Bogart proceed with modifications to the 95th Street project to keep the current alignment of the road coming off Highway 10 rather than introducing a curve, to straighten the road as much as possible by the large curve near Eileen Saldana's property, to minimize the need for right-of-way acquisition, and to cut down the hills by Mike Thompson's property and by Highway 10.

Jon questioned the board on which project would be done first. The board indicated that it had scheduled the 95th Street project first because of the request of residents at the Annual Meetings. Supervisor Gondeck made the motion to have the 95th Street project done in 2017 if possible, second by Supervisor Erdmann, and passed. The next step is for Jon to schedule a meeting with all the necessary parties to review the plans for the Quiet Zone on 95th Street: Federal Railroad Authority, BNSF officials and road master, Benton County Engineer and County Commissioner, etc. The goal would be to bid the project in February or March to get the best bids. The 85th Street project is not scheduled until 2018 if funds are available.

Other items for Jon Bogart to do include exploring the right of way issues, checking on the gas line and other utilities, soil borings, and ditch versus curb and gutter on sections of the road. Motion was made by Supervisor Gondeck, second by Supervisor Erdmann, and passed to ask Jon to bring quotes for soil borings to the October board meeting along with the modifications noted above.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Pat Spence