

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
CITY OF WISCONSIN DELLS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING – 300 LA CROSSE STREET
August 17, 2026

Ald. Marshall called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Notice of the meeting was provided to the *Dells Events* and WNNO Radio, and posted in accordance with State Statutes.

1. **Present:** Ald. Terry Marshall, Mayor Ed Wojnicz, Ald. Brian Holzem, and Ald. Troy Ryan.
Absent: None.
Others: Public Works Director Chris Tollaksen, City Administrator Karen Terry, Public Works Administrative Assistant Devan Mulroney, Clerk/Treasurer Lisa McClyman, Chief Nick Brinker, City Attorney Joseph Hasler, Assistant City Attorney Tracy Waldinger, Ald. Dan Anchor, Ald. Ben Anderson, Eric Helland, Dar Mor, Dan Gavinski, and Holly Swaney.
2. **Motion** by Ald. Ryan, seconded by Mayor Wojnicz, to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2026, meetings. **Motion carried.**
3. **Motion** by Ald. Holzem, seconded by Ald. Ryan, to accept the Base Bid along with Bid Alternate A from A-1 Excavating LLC for the South Frontage Road Roadway and Utility Extension. **Motion carried.**
4. Public Works Director Tollaksen presented a preliminary option provided by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) of Exit 87 Concepts. The committee discussed the concepts, noting the following points and concerns:
 - **Business Impact:** Concern was expressed that routing exiting traffic behind businesses creates an unwelcoming entrance. Questions were raised regarding how the changes will affect accessibility to the current Highway H.
 - **Safety & Right-of-Way:** General safety concerns regarding the current configuration of Highway H were noted. The City requires assurance from the State regarding the exact amount of right-of-way needed for purchase.
 - **Future Expansion:** The committee discussed "Figure 2-21: WI 13 – Split Diamond Interchange," noting that it leaves open the future opportunity to extend Highway 13 west of the interstate.
 - **Environmental & Economic Considerations:** Discussion was held on how much DNR land near Hulbert Creek could be utilized for the project and if any of the DNR land would be available for the City to acquire. The committee emphasized that the City favors the option that offers the best economic development opportunities.
5. **Items for referral:** Exit 87 concepts and DPW Budgets.
6. The next Public Works Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, September 14, 2026.**
7. **Motion** by Mayor Wojnicz, seconded by Ald. Holzem, to adjourn. **Motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 6:14 PM.

Devan Mulroney

Public Works Administrative Assistant