

Windemere Township Road Report

February 2023

- 1) I solicited five engineering firms for quotes to conduct a road sign inventory for Windemere Township. Recommend the Board hire one of the firms to conduct the road sign inventory. Quotes are list below:

JPJ Engineering, Inc - \$5600.00

MSA Professional Services, Inc - \$7200.00

Straightline Surveying - \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00

Short-Elliot Hendrickson, Inc - No Bid

Erickson Engineering - No Bid

- 2) On January 31, 2023 under authority of Minnesota Statute 12B.25 Subdivision 1, Governor Walz declared a State Disaster (# 2023-SD-070) from the major weather event that occurred December 13th through December 16th, 2022 due to the heavy snow and high winds. The counties included in the State Disaster are Aitkin, Carlton, Cass, Crow Wing, Itasca, Lincoln, Pine, & St Louis. An approximate estimate of \$100,000.00 was submitted to DPS/Homeland Security & Emergency Management to clear Windemere Township roads and R.O.W.s of tree debris. State Disaster (# 2023-SD-070) allows Windemere Township to be eligible for reimbursement of 75% of all costs incurred for the removal of the tree debris from our road R.O.W.s due to the major weather event.

The township received three quotes for tree debris cleanup in the road R.O.W.s

Asplundh Tree Expert, LLC - \$253.69/Hour

J&L Construction, Inc - \$275.00/Hour (Winter Pricing – Vendor to Send Revised Quote)

Valhalla Tree Care Company, Inc - \$300.00/Hour

Qty-5 NO BIDS

- 3) Total cost of the new vendor model for snow-plowing is currently at \$95,800.00 (November 2022 through February 2023)

November 2022 - Qty-62.5 Hours @ \$12,500.00

December 2022 - Qty-166 Hours @ \$33,200.00

January 2023 - Qty-155 Hours @ \$31,000.00

February 2023 - Qty-95.5 Hours @ \$19,100.00

Total 2022/2023 Snow Season Qty-479 Hours @ \$95,800.00

- 4) Still recommend some sort of tracking and/or logging of our vendor's movements while conducting work on the township roads (Ex: Snow-Plowing or Grading), which would provide the township has a better means of tracking and verifying all hours a vendor is spending maintaining our roads.

- 5) The township received (16) concerns or complaints regarding the condition of the township roads in February 2023. All concerned citizens were contacted and all issues were resolved.