The Town of Preston met on Monday, April 13, 2020 at the town hall.

The meeting was called to order by Darrel at 5:30 PM. Certification of Open Meeting Law Requirement was met. Roll call was held with Ron, Philip, Darrel, Mary and Cathy present.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Darrel, second by Ron. Motion carried.

The minutes of the March 9, 2020 regular board meeting and special meetings March 9, March 16 and March 26, 2020 were approved with a motion by Philip, second by Ron. Motion carried. The treasurer’s report for March was a approved with a motion by Ron, second by Philip. Motion carried.

Public comment: None

Patrolman’s report: None

Motion by Darrel to move on validating Melby Road, second by Ron. Motion carried.

Motion by Darrel, second by Ron to use Nelson Diesel & Dozing on 1925’ portion of Melby Road at a cost of $21,212.50 for breaker rock, gravel and culverts, pending the cost of culverts is cheaper for us to purchase and they agree. Motion carried.

Motion by Darrel, second by Philip to use Nelson Diesel and Dozing on the first 525’ of Melby Road at a cost of $8,160 for maintenance, pending the cost of culverts is cheaper for us to purchase and they agree. Motion carried.

Motion by Philip, second by Ron to advertise for resurfacing Tappen Coulee Road with a 2” overlay from County Road S 1.3 miles and .5 miles from Blom Road to Marsh Road. Cost estimates will be opened at the May meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Ron, second by Philip to have the Trempealeau County Highway department blade patch 1 mile of Brekke Ridge Road starting at Hwy 53 and to chip seal from Hwy 53 to Nyen Road for an estimated cost of $88,250 of Co-Aid funds. Motion carried.

Motion by Ron, second by Philip to have the Trempealeau County Highway department cut out a portion of Schansberg Road between Thompson’s and Pederson’s to fix bubbling/cracking blacktop. Motion carried.

Motion by Philip, second by Ron to add Julie Nehring as a poll worker for the 2020-21 election years. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on full time employee benefits. Motion by Darrel, second by Ron to add bereavement pay to benefits. Three days allowed for immediate family to include: spouse, parent and child(ren). One day for: brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece and nephew. One day also for being a pall bearer. Motion carried.

Motion by Darrel, second by Ron to pay holiday pay at the hours being worked at the time of the holiday. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on a building loan. Motion by Ron, second by Darrel to have Darrel to check with financial institutions for interest rates on a building loan of different amounts. Motion carried.

Motion by Ron, second by Philip to purchase a paper shredder. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on ATV/UTV usage. County passed road usage at the County level with whoever requests for a route pays for the signage of that route. No action taken.

Motion by Ron, second by Darrel to get a quote from Aaron Kidd on ditching on Rat Road and get quotes for ditching on Thompson Road. Motion carried.

Motion by Darrel, second by Ron to replace culverts on: Quarne Road 18”; Bradley Road 36”x 60’ (2) and 18” by Tchanz’s; (2) Garden Valley Road and remove the culvert on Flaaten by Elias Coulee Road. Motion carried.

Building update: Concrete poured for footing and frost barrier, plumbing stubbed and side walls being built inside Simmons’ shop. Motion by Ron, second by Philip to pay $341.70 for Ratsch Engineering for state plumbing fees and 1st installment of $100,000 to Simmons Construction. Motion carried.

Motion Ron, second by Philip to approve the disbursements for April. Motion carried.

Announcements: Open book May 12, 2020 4-6 PM and annual meeting April 21, 2020 at 7 PM.

Suggestions for the next regular board meeting May 11, 2020 at 5:30 PM: road bids, building loan, ditching and culvert bids.

Motion to adjourn at 7:31 PM by Ron, second by Philip. Motion carried.