

Patrick Wussow

From: John Welle [jwelle@co.aitkin.mn.us]
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2012 4:21 PM
To: 'J. Mark Wedel'
Cc: patrick.wussow@co.aitkin.mn.us
Subject: RE: County Road 4 Bridge Weight Restriction

Mark and Pat:

Last April I discussed with the Board that I needed to post seven bridges based on load rating calculations that had been recently performed. It has taken almost a year for the timber industry to react to this - I suppose this is the first sale they have had in the area.

During our phone conversation this morning with Scott, we discussed the changes made by St. Louis County and MnDOT. In each case it appears they increased the allowable weight. I explained to Scott that I had already made this increase in posted weight prior to it being posted. It was recommended for the CSAH 4 bridge that it be posted to 34 tons. By agreeing to increased frequency of inspections, the posting was increased to 39 tons, which doesn't result in much of a restriction for most vehicles that have a 40 ton legal weight. The timber industry enjoys the privilege of being able to haul 5 tons heavier than otherwise legal through the purchase of a state permit. During the winter increase, they are able to haul 9.5 ton heavier.

So while the restriction does represent a significant reduction in the amount they can haul, that is only because they have successfully lobbied for this special permit which allows them to haul heavier. The enabling statute specifically states that they have to obey all bridge postings, which makes it interesting that they then lobby to increase the postings when they want to haul across it.

As Scott said, we had a very cordial conversation and he made me aware that he would go the County Board. The bottom line is that 50 tons, which is what they want to haul at, is much heavier than I am comfortable with, as I have already increased it the originally recommended posting of 34 tons.

John

-----Original Message-----

From: J. Mark Wedel [mailto:jmarkwedel@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2012 4:07 PM
To: jwelle@co.aitkin.mn.us
Cc: patrick.wussow@co.aitkin.mn.us
Subject: Fw: County Road 4 Bridge Weight Restriction

John / Patrick -- Noticed you weren't included so thought I'd forward as an FYI -- any ?'s, please advise - Mark

--- On Mon, 1/9/12, Dane Consulting <4danes@cpinternet.com> wrote:

> From: Dane Consulting <4danes@cpinternet.com>
> Subject: County Road 4 Bridge Weight Restriction
> To: mark.wedel@co.aitkin.mn.us
> Cc: laurie.westerlund@co.aitkin.mn.us, don.niemi@co.aitkin.mn.us,
brian.napstad@co.aitkin.mn.us, anne.marcotte@aitkin.mn.us
> Date: Monday, January 9, 2012, 3:36 PM

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> Commissioner's,
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> to the attention of the
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> Rice River.
> This bridge is posted for 39 tons (78,000 pounds) which prohibits its
> use for ALL trucks transporting timber of either 80,000 pound (88,000
> pound winter
> weight) five axle trucks or 90,000 pound (99,000 pound winter weight)
> six axle trucks. Running light to comply with this weight restriction
> is not an option considering the additional transportation cost it
> would add to each load. With fuel costs already high and mill prices
> tight this restriction forces trucks to take a route that is 25 miles
> longer and can add up to an hour of travel time based on the
> circuitous route. These are costs and time that the logging industry
> cannot afford at a time when the industry is struggling to survive.
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> Loggers & Truckers of
> Minnesota has encountered similar situations recently in St. Louis
> County (County highway 21 and 22) and with MNDOT on highway 23. These
> instances involved four different bridges and were reevaluated and
> resolved by increasing the weight limit that would support logging
> trucks and restricting trucks from meeting on bridges. This
> resolution has been very helpful in not adding unnecessary cost and
> time to the transportation of timber to area mills.
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> I understand the bridge in
> question is
> approximately 65 feet long. Typical logging trucks are only 65 feet
> long so these trucks can barely even fit their entirety on the bridge
> at one time. Additionally, I have been informed that structural work
> (additional pylons) has been performed on this bridge.
> These factors should be reconsidered when evaluating bridge weight
> loads.
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> I have discussed this
> matter with Mr. John Welle
> this morning and we had a very professional and cordial discussion.
> Mr.
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> restriction he was inclined to stand by his findings and
> determination. I would respectfully request that the Aitkin County
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> efficient and economical manner possible. Time is of the essence

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> Respectfully

> Submitted,

> Scott Dane

> Executive

> Director

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Aitkin County Sheriff's Office
217 Second Street NW, Room 185
Aitkin, MN 56431
(218) 927-7435
Incident Date Reported BETWEEN 12/28/11
And 01/03/12
And Incident NCIC=MN0010000

Printed On: Wed, Jan 04, 2012

Incident Log Report

<i>Case Number</i>	<i>NCIC</i>	<i>Date Reported</i>	<i>Officer</i>	<i>Offense</i>
2011004762 403 3RD ST NW, Aitkin, 0100	MN0010000	12/28/2011 05:42	256	ATL/Welfare Check
2011004763 315 1ST AVE SW, Aitkin, 0100	MN0010000	12/28/2011 07:37	995	Ambulance Call
2011004764 16909 BIRCH ST, MCGRATH, 1513	MN0010000	12/28/2011 08:35	219	Burglary/Theft
2011004765 1810	MN0010000	12/28/2011 15:09	221	Disturbance
2011004766 49482 385TH PL, PALISADE, 4217	MN0010000	12/28/2011 15:16	216	Phone scams
2011004767 2 MINNESOTA AVE S, Aitkin, 0100	MN0010000	12/28/2011 16:48	251	Burglary/Theft
2011004768 306 2ND ST NW, Aitkin, 0100	MN0010000	12/28/2011 18:23	251	Vehicle theft
2011004769 62007 OSPREY AVE, SWATARA, 5407	MN0010000	12/28/2011 20:54	162	Ambulance Call
2011004770 68584 US HWY 169, HILL CITY, 6011	MN0010000	12/29/2011 01:58	161	Ambulance Call
2011004771 840 2ND ST NW, Aitkin, 0100	MN0010000	12/29/2011 07:01	995	Ambulance Call
2011004772 38714 STATE HWY 18, AITKIN, 1820	MN0010000	12/29/2011 10:13	502	Ambulance Call
2011004773 32598 355TH AVE, AITKIN, 2411	MN0010000	12/29/2011 10:25	221	Suspicion Complaint
2011004774 16940 STATE HWY 210, 3924	MN0010000	12/29/2011 10:20	sp309	Vehicle in Ditch
2011004775 48494 197TH AVE, MCGREGOR, 4521	MN0010000	12/29/2011 10:38	207	Property Damage
2011004776 42630 305TH PL, AITKIN, 3722	MN0010000	12/29/2011 10:13	221	OFP/HRO Violation
2011004777 32903 STATE HWY 18, AITKIN, 1929	MN0010000	12/29/2011 10:53	209	Fraud/ID Theft

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Case Number	NCIC	Date Reported	Officer	Offense
2011004778 3030	MN0010000	12/29/2011 12:01	220	Vehicle in Ditch
2011004779 37163 DEER ST, AITKIN, 2416	MN0010000	12/29/2011 12:26	502	Ambulance Call
2011004780 1224	MN0010000	12/29/2011 15:08	207	Accident
2011004781 44476 349TH LN, AITKIN, 2932	MN0010000	12/29/2011 17:28	995	Ambulance Call
2011004782 2313	MN0010000	12/29/2011 17:37	210	Accident
2011004783 840 2ND ST NW, Aitkin, 0100	MN0010000	12/30/2011 03:24	502	Ambulance Call
2011004784 36831 452ND PL, Aitkin, 2919	MN0010000	12/30/2011 10:56	220	OFP/HRO Violation
2011004785 66815 368TH PL, HILL CITY, 6022	MN0010000	12/30/2011 11:15	209	Missing Person
2011004786 35000 440TH PL, AITKIN, 2929	MN0010000	12/30/2011 11:30	995	Ambulance Call
2011004787 111 MINNESOTA AVE S, Aitkin, 0100	MN0010000	12/30/2011 12:14	995	Ambulance Call
2011004788 243 E HWY 210, McGregor, 0500	MN0010000	12/30/2011 13:10	223	NSF check
2011004789 215 3RD ST SE, Aitkin, 0100	MN0010000	12/30/2011 13:55	255	Suspicious activity
2011004790 315 1ST AVE SW, Aitkin, 0100	MN0010000	12/30/2011 14:25	503	Ambulance Call
2011004791 190 TINGDALE ST N, Tamarack, 0700	MN0010000	12/30/2011 15:04	207	Misc public complaint
2011004792 48515 LAKE AVE, MCGREGOR, 4520	MN0010000	12/30/2011 17:56	MFD	Fire Call
2011004793 3600	MN0010000	12/30/2011 21:48	204	Traffic Stop
2011004794 3025	MN0010000	12/30/2011 23:08	204	Alarm
2011004795 20729 508TH LN, MCGREGOR, 4508	MN0010000	12/31/2011 02:03	499	Ambulance Call
2011004796 34480 STATE HWY 47, AITKIN, 4025	MN0010000	12/31/2011 08:31	209	ATL/Welfare Check

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2011004797	MN0010000	12/31/2011 08:47	217	Abandon vehicle
15855 GOSHAWK ST, 4630				
2011004798	MN0010000	12/31/2011 09:34	217	Suspicion Complaint
49393 STATE HWY 65, MCGREGOR, 4518				
2011004799	MN0010000	12/31/2011 13:01	217	Accident
53785 172ND PL (/LAKE AVE)				
2011004800	MN0010000	12/31/2011 17:13	216	Accident
Co Rd 12 No of Co rd 39				
2011004801	MN0010000	12/31/2011 19:58	210	Vehicle in Ditch
PIONEER AVE, / 320TH ST				
2011004802	MN0010000	12/31/2011 20:15	499	Ambulance Call
42824 320TH PL, AITKIN				
2011004803	MN0010000	12/31/2011 21:08	216	Accident
169 / flats				
2011004804	MN0010000	12/31/2011 21:46	256	Driving Complaint
minnesota ave s / 4th st s				
2011004805	MN0010000	12/31/2011 22:12	210	Suspicion Complaint
53042 LOON AVE, MCGREGOR				
2012000002	MN0010000	01/01/2012 01:56	210	Alarm
49394 STATE HWY 65, MCGREGOR				
2012000003	MN0010000	01/01/2012 01:48	204	Suspicion Complaint
19589 365TH ST, MCGREGOR				
2012000004	MN0010000	01/01/2012 02:49	502	Ambulance Call
45781 289TH LN, AITKIN				
2012000005	MN0010000	01/01/2012 09:33	499	Ambulance Call
McGregor DQ				
2012000006	MN0010000	01/01/2012 13:01	MCFR	Ambulance Call
12987 STATE HWY 18, FINLAYSON				
2012000007	MN0010000	01/01/2012 21:41	216	Alarm
243 W HWY 210				
2012000008	MN0010000	01/01/2012 23:24	216	Child Custody
32034 KESTREL AVE, MCGREGOR				
2012000009	MN0010000	01/02/2012 01:12	204	Suspicion Complaint
19298 364TH LN, MCGREGOR				
2012000010	MN0010000	01/02/2012 12:38	252	ATL/Welfare Check
315 1ST AVE SW				
2012000011	MN0010000	01/02/2012 13:42	209	Trespass
444 1/2 PI				

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2012000012	MN0010000	01/02/2012 15:24	261	Burglary/Theft
35558 STATE HWY 200, HILL CITY				
2012000013	MN0010000	01/02/2012 16:45	255	ATL/Welfare Check
208 5TH ST NW				
2012000014	MN0010000	01/02/2012 17:02	HCFR	Other (Start Code)
Itasca Co				
2012000015	MN0010000	01/02/2012 19:09	216	Missing Person
37844 309TH ST, AITKIN				
2012000016	MN0010000	01/02/2012 19:35	255	Suspicion Complaint
104 3rd St NW, 5, Aitkin, 0100				
2012000017	MN0010000	01/02/2012 20:00	PFD	Fire Call
30205 478TH LN, PALISADE				
2012000018	MN0010000	01/03/2012 08:10	207	Burglary/Theft
36751 311TH LN, AITKIN				
2012000019	MN0010000	01/03/2012 13:20	251	Burglary/Theft
Aitkin				
2012000020	MN0010000	01/03/2012 14:10	995	Ambulance Call
301 MINNESOTA AVE S				
2012000021	MN0010000	01/03/2012 20:08	256	ATL/Welfare Check
1st st nw				
2012000022	MN0010000	01/03/2012 21:41	502	Ambulance Call
518 7TH AVE NE, AITKIN				
2012000023	MN0010000	01/03/2012 21:52	204	Alarm
44929 285TH LN, AITKIN				

Total Records: 66

