**Presque Isle County Road Commission**

**Minutes**

**August 2, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners for Presque Isle County was held at the Road Commission office at 657 South Bradley, Rogers City, Michigan. Chairman Norman Quaine called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Board Members Present:** Norman Quaine, Thomas Catalano, Robert Macomber

**Also Present**: Supt./Mgr David Kowalski, Clerk Anne Wirgau

**Visitors:** Clifford Tollini – Presque Isle County Commissioner

***Minutes:***

A motion was made by Catalano (Macomber) to approve minutes from July 19, 2023 regular meeting as presented.

Ayes: All

***Accounts Payable:***

A motion was made by Macomber (Catalano) to approve the August 2, 2023 accounts payable in the amount of $234,170.74

Ayes: Macomber, Catalano, Quaine

***Supt./Mgr Report:***

• Supt./Mgr contacted PK Contracting to check on price of rumble strips. Price has increased from $7.00 per linear foot to $8.50 per linear foot.

• Calcium chloride was applied to 638 Highway and Hackett Lake Highway last week. Supt./Mgr is considering doing Lake May Road to see if it would hold up better that brine in the sandy soils.

• Sealcoating is done for the year and Supt./Mgr will be ordering center line and edge painting soon. A discussion was held about the need for edge line painting on low volume, low speed roads.

• The part time employee at the Onaway garage is doing great work with mowing this summer. Everything has been cut once and now is double cutting.

• Hot mix patching was performed on Grand Point Road in the wheel tracks prior to sealcoating. Supt./Mgr and Posen Foreman believe this worked very well and are looking at some other roads to do next year. Additionally, some short stretch patching may be done and then seal coated to prevent water from getting under the patch.

• The property owner next to the Miller Road pit had his brush hog mower get entangled in our cable gate laying across his property. Discussion was held.

• Supt./Mgr and Posen Foreman have located a couple of used fork lifts and will be inspecting them soon.

• Notice has been received from the Department of Treasury Protecting Michigan Pension Grant Program that Presque Isle County Road Commission has been awarded a grant in the amount of $916,524.00 to apply towards the MERS unfunded pension liability.

• Bolen Asphalt Paving is tentatively scheduling mid-September to start on our three 451 projects. They may get to Petersville Road sooner.

• Numerous residents from the Presque Isle Harbor Association have been requesting speed limit studies in the development. It has been explained to them that the Township must request the studies. Additionally, the owner of the Portage Store is requesting a crosswalk be installed between his store and the DNR boat harbor. Discussion was held.

• Rogers City employee Jacob Yarch has given two weeks’ notice with a last day of work being August 10, 2023.

• Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) ratings of federal aid eligible roads will be conducted August 7th & 8th.

• GIS Cartography and Publishing Services can put our county map on our web site in Zoomify for $350.00. Viewer would be able to zoom in/out and pan around the map image.

• A pre-construction meeting will be held August 9,2 023 at 11 a.m. for the 451 projects.

• Quotes for gravel crushing at Hincka pit (Schaudt’s Hill):

Alpena Aggregate $3.90 per ton to crush

Hincka royalties $1.75 per ton

Total cost per ton $5.65

50,000 tons would be $282,500.00 Item moved to New Business

• Supt./Mgr reported on the Straits Area Council Meeting attended yesterday:

* NEPA has been taken over by MDOT and is now LAP Environmental
* There will be a 2% reduction in Rural Task Force (RTF) funding due to insurance costs related to drunk driving accidents.
* A presentation of Brine permitting will be done at the Northern Association of Road Commissions upcoming conference.
* There was a length discussion on the Monarch butterfly and milk weed. The butterfly is close to being put on the Federal endangered species list.
* The recent CRA directory books received have all the Associate telephone numbers listed incorrectly. New books will be coming.
* White paper guidance from Gayle Cummings, MCRCSIP Director, addressing paper streets will be forthcoming.

***Visitors:***

County Commissioner Tollini said the recently Calcium Chloride application on 638 Highway looks good. Discussion was held regarding the merits of brine versus calcium chloride and the differences in cost.

Commissioner Tollini also informed the Board of work Wolverine Power is doing in our county to extend their line with steel towers. Supt./Mgr Kowalski stated they have been getting the appropriate right of way permits as required.

Commissioner Tollini also noted the gravel apron at M-68 and County Line Road to the north has large potholes in it and could use repair. Supt./Mgr Kowalski will have the Onaway Foreman inspect the area and possibly we could tie in paving it with another paving project in the area.

***Unfinished Business:***

A discussion was held regarding the possible installation of electricity generating wind mills in the Moltke area.

Commissioner Macomber spoke about an upcoming solar farm meeting he is attending next week.

Right of way permits will be needed for new driveway installations. Also, a discussion was held about the distribution of the power after it is generated and clean up of the panels once their life expectancy is reached.

***New Business:***

A motion was made by Catalano (Macomber) to cast affirmative votes for Tom Doty, Ken Hulka and Beth Hunt for three CRASIF Board of Trustee positions for three-year terms.

Ayes: All

A motion was made by Catalano (Macomber) to authorize Chairman Quaine to sign the Annual Certification of Employee-related Conditions to be in compliance with PA 152 of 2011.

Ayes: All

A motion was made by Macomber (Catalano) to authorize Alpena Aggregate to crush 50,000 tons of road gravel at the Hincka Pit (Schaudt’s hill) for $3.90 per yard and $1.75 per yard royalty to Aaron Hincka with payment to be made at $10,000.00 per month.

Ayes: Quaine, Catalano, Macomber

Upcoming conferences include the Northern Michigan Association of Road Commissions at Manistee September 13-15, 2023 and the Commissioners Seminar at Mt. Pleasant October 22-23, 2023.

The next regular meetings of the Presque Isle County Road Commission will be, Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Quaine adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.