**Presque Isle County Road Commission**

**Minutes**

**February 19, 2025**

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 Robert Macomber called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

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

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

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

***Minutes:***

 A motion was made by Quaine (Catalano) to approve minutes from February 5, 2025, regular meeting.

 Ayes: All

***Accounts Payable:***

 A motion was made by Quaine (Catalano) to approve February 22, 2025, accounts payable in the amount of $160,601.42

 Ayes: Macomber, Catalano, Quaine

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

* All garages have been busy with snow removal.
* All employees received site specific mine training from Carmeuse on February 11, 2025.
* Maps of completed projects in 2024 have been prepared (copy given to each Commissioner and Mr. Tollini). Supt./Mgr believes the work has been spread across the county in a fair manner.
* Supt./Mgr purchased set of forks for the Onaway skid steer, cost was under the $1,200.00 quote at $1,091.00.
* A preconstruction meeting for the upcoming 451 project (Wenzel to US-23) is scheduled for Monday, March 24, 2025 at 1 p.m. virtually via Teams. Supt./Mgr will be attending from here if anyone else is interested in attending.
* Snowfall year to date is 90.75 inches. Last year at this time we were at 49.75 inches. Supt./Mgr provided the Presque Isle Advance with a data/statistics sheet regarding the most recent snow event. (Copy provided to Board and County Commissioner Tollini)
* Supt./Mgr updated the Board on the employee with positive drug test. The Substance Abuse Professional (SAP) evaluated him and approved for a Return to Duty (RTD) test. He passed and is back to work with six random tests over the next twelve months to be in compliance with Federal Motor Carrier regulations. All testing will be at his expense.
* Supt./Mgr receiving positive feedback from the Mechanics regarding the uniforms.
* Dale Saranen, MDOT Alpena TSC, has provided two maps showing local agency projects and MDOT projects for 2025. Copy given to Board.
* Specification Stone has advised the price of 29A washed sealcoat stone has increased in price by $1.60 per ton for 2025. Supt./Mgr has contacted a second supplier for pricing and will compare costs. Discussion was held.
* MCRCSIP has advised that they will be covering the legal costs pertaining to the Cadillac Ferndale encroachment case.
* Griffin Bredow has completed truck driver training and passed his CDL-A test. He will be returning to work for us as a part-time employee and will be given the opportunity to operate during snow conditions. Discussion was held.
* Supt./Mgr attended online PASER training on the 18th of February.
* The current road salt shortage was discussed.
* Staci Burger, R.S. Scott & Associates, updated Supt./Mgr on the status of the safety grant for crosswalks on E. Grand Lake Road. It may be approved soon.
* Carmeuse has raised 23A gravel prices from $10.00 per ton to $14.00 per ton. Discussion was held.

Chairman Macomber brough forth a complaint received from Eugene Krueger regarding the plowed roadway shoulders. Mr. Krueger also spoke to Commissioner Catalano and Quaine about it. His complaint was the wings are digging too deep into the shoulders and no snow remains. Discussion was held with it being noted the Road Commission plows both the road and the shoulders to maintain safety for the motoring public. Additionally, if shoulders are not plowed windy conditions cause drifting onto the roadway sooner. Board consensus was to continue current operating protocol for snow plowing.

***Visitor:***

 County Commissioner Tollini stated the roads in Allis Township appeared to be in good condition and plowed well. Discussion was held.

***Unfinished Business:***

 Commissioner Catalano received a request for road maintenance on Sorgenfrei Highway. Discussion was held. Commissioner Catalano will reply to the request and obtain more specific information on location.

 ***New Business:***

*RESOLUTION 2025-01*

*Keith Konieczny Sr. Commendation*

 The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Catalano and supported by Commissioner Quaine:

WHEREAS, Keith Konieczny has been a valued employee of Presque Isle Road Commission having been hired on May 24, 1999 at the Rogers City Garage.

WHEREAS, Mr. Konieczny retired on April 18, 2025, after twenty-five years, 11 months of continuous service with the Road Commission, and

 WHEREAS, Keith Konieczny Sr. performed work duties as Truck Driver, Heavy Equipment Operator and Foreman for Presque Isle Road Commission; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of County Road Commissioners of Presque Isle County, on behalf of the citizens of Presque Isle County does hereby commend Kieth Konieczny Sr. for his many years of dedicated service and extends best wishes for the future.

THIS RESOLUTION is effective this date, with all present Commissioners voting affirmatively.

Ayes: Catalano, Quaine, Macomber

 The next scheduled regular meetings of the Presque Isle County Road Commission are set for Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.

 With no further business to come before the Board the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.