**Presque Isle County Road Commission**

**Minutes**

**June 21, 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:** John Chappa – Presque Isle County Commissioner, Lake Nettie residents: Lloyd Dullack (Bismarck Township Trustee), Sandy Grulke, Carla Grulke, Deb Ward, Roger Ward, Lee Grulke,

Dave Farmer, Marcie Mabry, Alan Claus and Gary Mabry

***Minutes:***

A motion was made by Macomber (Catalano) to approve minutes from June 7, 2023 regular meeting as presented.

Ayes: All

***Accounts Payable:***

A motion was made by Macomber (Catalano) to approve the June 21, 2023 accounts payable in the amount of $259,371.35

Ayes: Quaine, Catalano, Macomber

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

* Supt./Mgr informed the Board that per the State contract the cost of a ton of salt this year is $71.56, has not gone up substantially since 2018.
* The automated Flagging machines (AFADS) were used last week and worked very well. The crew is impressed with the machines.
* Winter Manufacturing contacted Supt./Mgr regarding the purchase of carbide underbody blades. Blades from them are $251.94 less expensive that what we have been purchasing. Supt./Mgr ordered a set to try out.
* Dust control brine has been hard to obtain, their pump was down last week and we are behind schedule. A discussion was held regarding the use of Calcium Chloride and the higher cost associated with it.
* The Rogers City crew has been working on reshaping and installing gravel at Twin Lakes Subdivision, approximately 75% done with the project.
* The Onaway garage is currently short on seasonal help. Supt./Mgr believes he has found one replacement and will keep searching for a second.
* The Posen crew has started the North Grand Lake reconstruction between Green Road and Miller

Road. After it is completed Supt./Mgr will schedule paving of the 1000’ section.

* All three garages have started mowing on the county system and will have the state done for 4th of July.
* Update on proposed Lost Lake Road relocation: R.S. Scott & Associates will no longer be working for Allan Berg. Mr. Berg is looking for another Engineering firm to create his plans and profiles. If the project does move forward the Road Commission will probably have to have an outside engineering firm inspect and provide the acceptance verification.
* The power box rake on the skid steer is working very well to break up sod when we pull in the country curb. This allows us to use less gravel to reshape the road.
* A discussion was held regarding the seeding and mulching of large areas. Currently employees are using their personal ATVs to do the work and a question of liability has arisen. Supt./Mgr would like to find a low end 4-wheeler (quad) so the crew is not using their own equipment on State and County projects.
* Posen dumpster discussion, one paid by County and the other paid privately by employees.
* Ocqueoc Transfer station request update. Supt./Mgr provided the Board with previous minutes from December 29, 2010 through May 2, 2012 regarding the proposed land purchase and relocation of the transfer station. Supt./Mgr advised the Board since May, 2012 the proposed area has been filled with ditch cleanout material which will make approximately 2,500 to 3,000 yards of topsoil with screening. The cost to remove the topsoil would be approximately $38,000.00.

Supt./Mgr does not recommend selling the property since we are using it.

***Visitors:***

A group of citizens from Lake Nettie Road addressed the Board regarding the repair and/or reconstruction of Lake Nettie Road (1.5 miles in length). Supt./Mgr Kowalski presented a worksheet with estimated costs to either reconstruct the road or install an asphalt overlay. It was also explained to the group Lake Nettie Road is a local road and the Township is required by law to participate financially in any road project. The current Road Commission cost share policy requires 65% of expense to be paid by townships and 35% by the Road Commission.

Lengthy discussion was held about the three options available for the road. Reconstruct, overlay or turn back to gravel as a worse case scenario. The citizens had many questions about a special assessment district to fund the road repair and how much each owner would be responsible for. Chairman Quaine stated those type of costs could not be determined without starting the process of creating a special assessment district. Fifty-one percent of owners with an interest would be required to set up a district and the entire process could take years to complete.

Lloyd Dullack, Bismarck Township Trustee, asked Supt./Mgr about other local paved roads in the township that may also need repair and whether the Township cost share of a possible project could be divided into payments over several years. Discussion was held.

Supt./Mgr Kowalski and County Road Engineer Straley would be willing to attend a Bismarck Township meeting to detail each option and provide more information on special assessment districts more fully. Mr. Dullack indicated their next meeting will be held on Monday, July 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

The citizens thanked the Board for their attention to this matter and left the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

***Bid Opening:***

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|  | ***Petersville Road Grinding*** | | | |
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| Vendor |  | Bid Price per ton | Total for Project |  |
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| Elmer's |  | $0.90 | $11,615.40 |  |
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| Bolen |  | $0.85 | $10,970.10 |  |

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|  |  | ***Bid Opening*** |  |  |
|  | ***Petersville Road Asphalt*** | | | |
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| Bolen |  | $74.66 | $111,990.00 |  |

A motion was made by Catalano (Macomber) to accept all bids and award Bolen Asphalt Paving Inc. the project if all specifications are met.

Ayes: Quaine, Catalano, Macomber

***Unfinished Business:***

Commissioner Catalano has received a request from Charles Bruder to install dust control brine on Glawe Road.

***New Business:***

A motion was made by Macomber (Catalano) to cast an affirmative vote for Brett A. Laughlin (Ottawa County) for a At-Large position on the MCRCSIP Board of Directors for a term ending in 2026.

Ayes: All

A motion was made by Macomber (Catalano) to vote affirmatively for Brent Shank (Emmet County) and Mark Timmer (Oceana County) for two Northern positions on the MCRCSIP Board of Directors for terms ending in 2026.

Ayes: All

A motion was made by Catalano (Macomber) to authorize expenses for Clerk Wirgau to attend the 2023 MCRCSIP Workshop in Mt. Pleasant on July 19-20, 2023.

Ayes: Quaine, Macomber, Catalano

A motion was made by Macomber (Catalano) to enter an agreement with Posen Township to sealcoat and fog Oak Street (1619 feet from M-65 to end of asphalt) for an estimated cost of $10,979.50 with Posen Township cost share of $7,136.67 and Road Commission cost share of $3,842.83.

Ayes: Catalano, Quaine, Macomber

A motion was made by Macomber (Catalano) to enter an agreement with Village of Posen to sealcoat and fog Turtle Street from M-65 to end of asphalt (.2 mile) for $6,489.58. Ayes: Quaine, Catalano, Macomber

The next regular meetings of the Presque Isle County Road Commission will be, Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Quaine adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m.