**Presque Isle County Road Commission**

**Minutes**

**June 5, 2024**

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 Thomas Catalano 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, Scott Ash – Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op

***Minutes:***

A motion was made by Macomber (Quaine) to approve minutes from May 14, 2024 regular meeting.

Ayes: All

***Accounts Payable:***

A motion was made by Quaine (Macomber) to approve the June 5, 2024 accounts payable in the amount of $284,625.60

Ayes: Catalano, Macomber, Quaine

***Visitors:***

Scott Ash, representative from Presque Isle Electric Gas & Co-op, appeared before the Board to discuss the placement of an electric charging station at the Fletcher-Gilchrist Park property in Krakow Township, Section 23, T34N-R7E. Mr. Ash was contacted by Supt./Mgr David Kowalski and advised the recently installed station is on Presque Isle County Road Commission property, not on property owned by Sand Bay Holdings, LLC. A lease agreement allows Sand Bay Holdings, LLC to use part of the park property for their customer parking. The warranty deed dated November 10, 1953 specifies the land is to be used to construct and maintain a dam to regulate the water level of Grand Lake and all land not used for that purpose shall be improved and maintained as a public park for recreational purposes. A concern raised was whether a commercial business would be making profit from a public property.

Mr. Ash stated Sand Bay Holdings, LLC petitioned to have the station placed on site and he apologized for not confirming the land ownership. Mr. Ash also explained how the PIE & G program works in that there is no charge for the public to use the station. There are several stations placed throughout our area at public sites such as libraries and other parks. Commissioner Macomber asked about future costs to maintain the station. Mr. Ash stated Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op is responsible for all installation and maintenance costs in the future. Discussion was held with Chairman Catalano noting he did not have an issue with the placement if it does not impede use of the park. Commissioner Macomber was in favor of allowing the station to remain where it is with a sign noting the cooperative effort between Presque Isle County Road Commission and Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op to provide the service.

Supt./Mgr Kowalski was directed to draft a letter to Sand Bay Holdings, LLC giving notice of their violation of the lease agreement and emphasizing all future encroachments on Presque Isle County Road Commission property must be approved prior to placement.

A motion was made by Quaine (Macomber) to authorize placement of an electric charging station by Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op at Fletcher-Gilchrist Park property with no cost to the public for use or to Presque Isle County Road Commission for installation, maintenance, or removal.

Ayes: Catalano, Macomber, Quaine

Mr. Ash thanked the Board and left the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

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

• R.S. Scott & Associates has obtained MDOT approval for bridge repair to structure #8979 (Ocqueoc Rd over Ocqueoc River) scheduled for 2026 to be moved up to 2025. This project will be a second part of Ocqueoc Road (Schaedig Highway to Cheboygan Plains Highway) crush and shape scheduled for 2025. This also should result in giving us some savings.

• 638 (E. Grand Lake Road to Krakow Twp line) is completed and just needs paint striping.

Highland Pines will be getting painted at the same time.

• Onaway crew will be starting 638 and Hackett Lake gravel and permazyne installation soon.

• Our local match for 451 (Wenzel to US 23) was raised from $107,324.00 to $149,993.00. The GI meeting for this project is scheduled for June 11,2024 at 9:00 a.m.

• Supt./Mgr gave the Board a list of gravel roads that were paved in past years.

• Supt./Mgr has been approached again by Lake Street residents that want the road paved. The last estimate put together by R.S. Scott & Associates had contractors doing all the work and was estimated to be $533,000.00 dollars. Since then, the road commission has done considerable work to Lake Street north of Fireside Rd. Supt./Mgr inspected both south and north of Fireside Rd and created an estimate for the Road Commission to do the construction and hire a paving company. The estimate is as follows:

From Fireside to East Grand Lake $94,366.33

From Fireside to Garner $47,665.50

Total cost $142,031.83

65%..................$92,320.68 Twp cost share

35%..................$49,711.13 Road Commission cost share

Supt./Mgr spoke with County Road Engineer Mark Straley and he agrees with the work I proposed to do to make these roads ready for asphalt. Presque Isle Township wants to do a special assessment on this, with 89 property owners the cost per resident would be $1,037.31. Supt./Mgr believes having an actual cost for the residents would be beneficial and they would agree to the proposal. With the board approval and understanding of spending $49,711.13 Supt./Mgr will go before the residents and give them this option. This would be for the 2025 construction season.

• Lost Lake update – A letter from Hirzel Law firm representing eight property owners on Lost Lake Road was given to the Board and reviewed.

• The Posen crew is working on a ditching project on Hill Street, replacing culverts and improving drainage issues.

• The Onaway crew has been working on Palmer Rd and Twin School intersection, they are making improvements to resolve water washing across the road. Progress looks good and the repairs should be effective.

• The Rogers City crew has been changing culverts and cleaning some ditches also.

• All three garages have been blading and are having liquid calcium chloride applied along with installation of brine when it is available.

• Supt./Mgr is waiting for completion of the design by R.S. Scott & Associates for Airport Hwy and US 23 intersection.

• A refund of $10,486.16 has been received from our County Road Association Self Insurance Fund (CRASIF). This will reduce our workmen’s compensation insurance premium for the year.

• Supt./Mgr will be attending Presque Isle Township meeting on June 10th and Bearinger Township meeting on June 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Bearinger Township is for Bluffs Hwy Permazyne project which was turned down at their last meeting.

***Old Business:***

None

***New Business:***

A motion was made by Macomber (Quaine) to authorize Supt./Mgr to present Lake Street construction project to Presque Isle Township and sign necessary documents to proceed with a special assessment district with the eight-nine property owners.

Ayes: Catalano, Quaine, Macomber

A motion was made by Quaine (Macomber) to vote affirmatively to keep the August Straits Area Council meeting scheduled.

Ayes: All

A motion was made by Quaine (Macomber) to authorize the purchase of fit out equipment from Truck & Trailer Specialties for $145,745.00 and allow Supt./Mgr to sign the purchase agreement.

Ayes: Macomber, Quaine, Catalano

Discussion was held regarding the succession plan for the Rogers City Foreman position.

The next scheduled meetings of the Presque Isle County Road Commission are set for Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday, July 3, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Catalano adjourned the meeting at 10:14 a.m.