**Presque Isle County Road Commission**

**Minutes**

**March 1, 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 8:38 a.m.

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

**Via Zoom:** 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 15, 2023 regular meeting as presented.

Ayes: All

***Accounts Payable:***

A motion was made by Catalano (Quaine) to approve the March 1, 2023 accounts payable in the amount of $177,996.87

Ayes: Quaine, Catalano

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

* Supt./Mgr updated the Board on the status of a possible replacement of the New Holland 4WD tractor. Bobcat is not able to offer a trade for it.
* Supt./Mgr received an updated quote for a shear head for our E-50 Bobcat mini excavator in the amount of $14,300.00. It includes a brush grapple option for small brush down to one inch.
* Aaron Hincka inquired if we are interested in crushing gravel at his pit near Section 12 Highway. As Carmeuse gravel is now at $10.00 per ton it would be less expensive. He is asking $1.75 per ton for royalties, Supt./Mgr is waiting for a price from Alpena Aggregate to crush it. Discussion was held regarding the former Kelner property off North Allis as a possible pit location.
* Headwaters Land Conservancy contacted the Road Commission regarding a parcel of land we own at the corner of Evergreen and Dault. Discussion was held.
* During winter storm Olive an Onaway retiree was brought in to help out due to personnel shortages. The Onaway Foreman was also in a truck plowing during the storm.
* Supt./Mgr updated Board on transfer pay for Posen employee working as a mechanic. Correct pay rate difference is $2.45 per hour. Commissioner Catalano stated he was in favor the proposal.
* No word has been received from CRA regarding the changes to the ground water discharge permit. Discussion was held and Supt./Mgr will start working on the new permit.
* Per our audit, blade inventory cost increased by 53% over last year and fuel inventory cost increased by 113%.
* Supt./Mgr along with Commissioners Macomber and Quaine attended a meeting last Wednesday at City Hall regarding the intersection of M-68 and US-23/Family Fare driveway. Also in attendance were MDOT representatives Kevin Schaedig and Eric Precord, City Manager Joe Hefele, Rogers City Police Chief Jamie Meyer and DPW Manager Roger Wenzel. The issues at the intersection were discussed at length. There will be a traffic count conducted and once again moving the Family Fare entrance to the south will be considered.
* Year to date snowfall is 99.5”
* R.S. Scott & Associates is working on preliminary plans for Five Mile Highway (previously had looked at this project) and 638 Highway (Township line to Grand Lake Road)

***Visitor:***

County Commissioner Tollini commented on the cost to apply brine as well as concerns about the chemicals in it. Discussion was held. Supt./Mgr discussed the Perma-Zyme product and the possibility that this type of maintenance could reduce dust and eliminate the need for brine.

***Unfinished Business:***

None

***New Business:***

A motion was made by Catalano (Quaine) to amend the Foremen Overtime Policy to reflect 48 hours of overtime per a two week period for the period of November 1, 2022 to April 15, 2023.

Ayes: Quaine, Catalano

Chairman Quaine briefly discussed HB 4126 which proposes circumventing the State Police conducting traffic speed studies.

Commissioner Macomber attend a Commissioner’s Workshop last week and presented information on two topics. Voting on Road Commission matters is allowed via Zoom if two way communication is established for the meeting and it is not locally prohibited. Secondly, protocol for a Public Hearing is to have the Petitioner present their information, allow public comment (time limit is suggested) and defer the decision to the next regular Board meeting. A reminder was given that the fiduciary duty for the Board is to the County at large, not necessarily the petitioner or other interested parties.

The Public Hearing for the Lost Lake Road relocation project is scheduled for March 29, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

The next regular meetings of the Presque Isle County Road Commission will be Wednesday, Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday, April 1, 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.