**Presque Isle County Road Commission**

**Minutes**

**March 27, 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

**Virtual:** Clerk Anne Wirgau

**Also Present**: Supt./Mgr David Kowalski

**Visitors:** Clifford Tollini-Presque Isle County Commissioner, Richard Nash – Allis Township Supervisor

***Minutes:***

A motion was made by Quaine (Macomber) to approve minutes from March 6, 2024 regular meeting as presented.

Ayes: All

***Accounts Payable:***

A motion was made by Quaine (Macomber) to approve the March 27, 2024 accounts payable in the amount of $196,257.09

Ayes: Catalano, Macomber, Quaine

***Visitors:***

Allis Township Supervisor, Richard Nash, presented the Board with a signed agreement from Allis Township to install permazyne on two gravel roads in the township. Item moved to New Business for action.

**9:00 a.m. – Bid Opening – Asphalt**



A motion was made by Quaine (Macomber) to accept all bids and award Bolen Asphalt Paving Inc the bid for $287,405.84.

Ayes: Macomber, Catalano, Quaine

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

• Supt./Mgr measured Bluffs Hwy gravel portion and the sealcoat portion. Supt./Mgr prepared Bearinger Township a quote to permazyne the gravel and a quote to reseal coat existing seal.

• A letter of intent was drafted, signed and given to Roy Tulgetska for gravel purchase.

• Grand Traverse Road Commission has let us get all three trucks early. They are at our Rogers City facility being checked over before they go on the road.

• Presque Isle County Road Commission is almost done purchasing and receiving the remainder of salt we are contracted to purchase. Have 150 tons left for Posen garage. 2024/2025 orders have been submitted for state and county.

• Onaway’s mulch head is in Kalkaska at Michigan CAT being prepped for delivery.

• Update on Quarry view abandonment. Carmeuse has decided not to purse abandonment of Quarry View road from the Supervisor’s Plat of Petersville. Instead, they are seeking permission to shorten the road and move it to the north slightly. New fence would be installed, parking lot leveled and a safety buffer installed. Discussion was held with Board having no issue with the readjustment.

• Rogers City motor grader is back in service and is running good.

• DTE update, they accepted our counter proposal and have sent me the road user agreement. I have sent the agreement to our legal team for review and it was rejected. A road use agreement drafted by CRA counsel has been received and will be forwarded to DTE. Discussion was held regarding the time limit for repairs as some damage may not be readily apparent at the time the project is completed.

• Alan Berg’s engineering firm Wade and Trim has contacted me and notified me that the full size plans are finished and are in the mail. Discussion was held regarding the proposed road relocation and subsequent abandonment of the old portion. Supt./Mgr was directed to contact CRA to set up a zoom meeting to discuss our liability in the matter and possible outcomes.

• Lotus Infrastructure Partners has contacted the Road Commission regarding the Moltke Ridge Wind Farm project. They intend to begin the permitting process for the 6,300 acres committed in May, 2024.

• Janitor has three years in with us and I would like to put him at the truck drivers wage and pay increments as they get them. $22.90 is current truck wage, I feel he is a great asset to us and is out performing all of my expectations. Discussion was held. Item moved to New Business for action.

• Supt./Mg is seeking for input on possibly going to 4 10-hour days earlier than normal. Gamble would be if we had snow it could cost us more overtime than it would if we were on 8 hour days. Discussion was held. Crews will be starting 4-10s on April 15, 2024.

• Supt./Mgr has sent out requests for culvert pricing from three companies. St Regis, Cadillac Culvert, and Jensen Bridge.

***Unfinished Business:***

Commissioner Quaine updated the Board on the status of the title search request for Williams Road. There is no documentation or indication that the Road Commission gave up its McNitt jurisdiction and currently has right of way for .6 mile. Discussion was held. Supt./Mgr was instructed to send Cadillac Products correspondence informing them of the same.

***New Business:***

A motion was made by Quaine (Macomber) to lower the load ratings of Ocqueoc Falls Bridge and River Bridge to 30 ton based on a recommendation by our County Road Engineer.

Ayes: All

A motion was made by Quaine (Macomber) to enter an agreement with Allis Township to install permazyne on 638 Hwy from Belding to S. Porter (2 miles) and Hackett Lake from Skinner Road west (1 ¾ miles) for an estimated cost of $44,125.00 with Allis Township cost to be $28,681.00 and Road Commission cost to be $15,444.00.

Ayes: Catalano, Quaine, Macomber

Supt./Mgr discussed the upcoming projects involving the use of permazyne. He would like to purchase enough to have some extra on hand and reduce the freight costs. Discussion was held.

A motion was made by Macomber (Quaine) to purchase up to $50,000.00 of product.

Ayes: Catalano, Macomber, Quaine

A motion was made by Macomber (Quaine) to align the wage of the Janitor position with Truck Driver classification and thereafter follow incremental raises as set forth in the Employee Agreement.

Ayes: Catalano, Quaine, Macomber

Commissioners Catalano and Macomber reported on sessions attended at the County Road Association Road Show last week. Chairman Catalano is in favor of using CRA program to manage and mitigate the 5% of our road system which needs to be set aside for Monarch Butterfly habitat.

Commissioner Macomber spoke about a pre-wetting solution presentation he attended. Discussion was held with it being noted up to a 40% reduction in salt use could be attained.

The next scheduled regular meetings of the Presque Isle County Road Commission are set for Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Catalano adjourned the meeting at 9:58 a.m.