**Presque Isle County Road Commission**

**Minutes**

**March 5, 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 19, 2025, regular meeting.

Ayes: All

***Accounts Payable:***

A motion was made by Quaine (Catalano) to approve March 5, 2025, accounts payable in the amount of $142,085.68

Ayes: Macomber, Catalano, Quaine

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

* Huron Pines is proposing a 34’-9’ x 8’9’ aluminum box culvert for the culvert replacement of Canada Creek Highway. Estimated cost for the culvert is $171,000.00. The Road Commission would be reimbursed for the culvert and would provide in kind labor and equipment.
* Supt./Mgr attended the MTA meeting at the Posen Community Center yesterday.
* Supt./Mgr updated the Board regarding a water issue on Lake Nettie Road possibly impacting our road. Discussion was held. Board consensus was to allow a minimum amount of ditching outside the right of way to allow the water to flow to the lake.
* Metz Township is considering seal coating and fog sealing Grand Lake Highway from Co Rd 441 east to Grambau Road. Our cost for the one mile would be $14,000.00. Discussion was held regarding doing Hagensville Road instead of Grand Lake Highway.
* Supt./Mgr updated the Board on applications for bridge replacements. Spile Dam (13867) has gone up a full point. Josh Jobin, R.S. Scott & Associates engineer, recommends keeping it on the list for replacement. He also recommends that the two historical bridges be listed for repair funding as it would be unlikely they would be approved for replacement. Ocqueoc Falls over Ocqueoc River (8978) and River Road over Ocqueoc River (8993). A copy of the current bridge point ratings for all of our structures was provided to the Board with it being noted the higher the number the worse the condition is.
* Supt./Mgr provided the Board and Commissioner Tollini with a packet of information pertaining to Substrata permazyne.
* Ocqueoc Falls Hwy from M-68 to Jarvis Road is scheduled for reconstruction in 2028. Ocqueoc Falls Hwy from Jarvis Road to Ocqueoc Road is scheduled for reconstruction in 2029. Onaway Foreman and Supt./Mgr have discussed seal coat and fog seal for the section from Jarvis Road to Ocqueoc Road this year to eliminate the amount of time and materials spent patching.
* Three Mile east of M-33 (one mile) is scheduled for asphalt installation in 2026. Then 1.25 miles west to Belding Road in 2027. The final leg from Belding Road to Little Rainy Road, .75 mile, is scheduled for 2028. Supt./Mgr would like to permazyne the .75 mile section to not only keep the road together until paved but also prepare the base for asphalt.
* An informational letter has been sent to property owners along Morrill Road informing them of the upcoming project and the prep work that will be done this spring.
* Supt./Mgr advised the Board we have been able to get some of our back up salt in our order. Some came out of Escanaba and Muskegon.
* Snowfall through March 2, 2025 is 101.25 inches. Our annual average is 104.92 inches.
* The Ocqueoc Road reconstruction G.I. meeting is today at 1 p.m. via Teams from the office if anyone is interested in attending.
* MDOT has given us a TWA in the amount of $100,000.00 for tree removal on US-23 north of the Black Mallard River.
* Westwood Wind Farm requested a letter of acknowledgement from the Road Commission regarding a future wind farm. Supt./Mgr provided a copy of the letter of acknowledgement to the Board.
* Spring weight restrictions are scheduled to go into effect on Monday, March 10, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. Supt./Mgr will be checking road conditions each day this week to see if they have to go on earlier than Monday.
* PIE & G has asked if the Road Commission would be able provide them with fuel during a catastrophic event when gas stations are shut down. Discussion was held. The only time it would not be feasible is during a snow event.
* DTE would like to get the Road Use Agreement settled for the roads impacted by the Little Trout Solar project. Supt./Mgr advised Mr. Funk he needs until mid-April to verify road conditions and summarize repairs.
* Supt./Mgr will be out of the office from March 12, 2025, until March 26, 2025. He will be working remotely half days while traveling. Only times he will not be available are March 12, 2025 from 2:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. and March15, 2025 from 7:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
* Supt./Mgr will be attending the next Board meeting via Zoom on March 19, 2025 if Board approves.

***Visitor:***

No comments.

***Unfinished Business:***

None

***New Business:***

A motion was made by Quaine (Catalano) to authorize expenses for Commissioners, Supt,/Mgr and Clerk to attend the CRA Highway Conference in Lansing, Tuesday, March 25 – Thursday, March 27, 2025.

Ayes: Macomber, Quaine, Catalano

A motion was made by Catalano (Quaine) to authorize the Presque Isle Sportsmen’s request to install a ceiling, insulation and small closet in the Fletcher Gilchrist park building.

Ayes: All

A motion was made by Catalano (Quaine) to advertise for bids for Cold Patch, Brine and Calcium Chloride with bid opening to held Wednesday, April 16, 2025.

Ayes: All

A motion was made by Quaine (Catalano) to authorize four (4) employees to attend the 2025 CRASIF Safety Summit at Treetops Resort on April 3-4, 2025.

Ayes: Macomber, Quaine, Catalano

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

***Resolution 2025-02***

**Certified Road Mileage Addition Resolution**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Road Commissioners of Presque Isle County has received the following additions to the Act 51 Certified Mileage Map for 2024 and adds them to their jurisdiction:

**ROAD NAME DISTANCE DESCRIPTION**

**Nokes Highway 3226** feet M-68 east to end

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Road Commissioners agree with the additions and

**NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED** that the Board of Road Commissioners for Presque Isle County accepts and approves of the above additions and corrections to the 2024 Act 51 Certified Mileage Map.

Adopted: Ayes: Macomber, Quaine, Catalano

Nays: None

A motion was made by Catalano (Quaine) to authorize Supt./Mgr to obtain 2025 pricing for one (1) Tandem Plow Truck.

Ayes: All

Supt./Mgr was directed to check with MCRCSIP regarding liability for employees working on personal vehicles in the garage after hours. Discussion was held.

The next scheduled regular meetings of the Presque Isle County Road Commission are set for Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.

With no further business to come before the Board the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:56 a.m.