**Presque Isle County Road Commission**

**Minutes**

**May 17, 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:** Cliff Tollini – Presque Isle County Commissioner

***Minutes:***

 A motion was made by Catalano and supported by Macomber approve minutes from May 3, 2023 regular meeting as presented.

 Ayes: All

***Accounts Payable:***

 A motion was made by Macomber and supported by Catalano to approve the May 17, 2023 accounts payable in the amount of $106,955.19

 Ayes: Quaine, Catalano, Macomber

***Bid Opening:***



 A motion was made by Catalano (Macomber) to accept all bids and authorize Supt./Mgr to purchase in the best interest of Presque Isle County Road Commission.

 Ayes: Quaine, Catalano, Macomber

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

* Supt./Mgr Kowalski has received notice of the payoff amount for reimbursement to MDOT/MSP for the Grand Lake Outlet Bridge (638 over Thompson’s Creek). Originally, the amount due back was $58,056.07 but due to additional unreimbursed expenses the total due to MDOT is $32,292.46.
* New employee update – Jacob Kuznicki has been hired as a full-time truck driver.
* Clear Heights Construction has been notified the pad for the salt shed is ready and they are scheduling the installation of the hoop style barn.
* Supt./Mgr received a request for the Road Commission to maintain 500’ of Bluffs Hwy which is private road per a court decree from April 23, 1952. The requestor did not want any trees removed and the road would need gravel to make it maintainable. Discussion was held.
* A copy of a report prepared through a Local Safety Initiative program was given to the Board and discussed. The report highlighted several intersections which might possibly qualify for safety grant funding in the future. The report was also forwarded to the County Road Engineer.
* Meridian Construction is currently working on the Rogers City salt shed repairs. The shed was damaged by a Goodrich truck delivering salt and Goodrich will be paying for the repairs.
* A discussion was held regarding other Road Commissions doing pre-employment drug screening and random screenings for seasonal help. Item moved to New Business.
* The Village of Posen has requested the proposed sealcoat project on Oak Street not to use chiploc product (fog). Supt./Mgr is waiting for an answer from Posen Township regarding the matter. Supt./Mgr will make it clear to the parties that the Road Commission will not warranty the work if done without chiploc product (fog).
* Rogers City Airport has asked for a cost estimate to sealcoat/fog the parking lot around the office building. Supt./Mgr will provide the County with an estimate.
* The shear tree cutting head has been shipped and will be put into service very soon.
* Onaway crew has been doing gravel road repair, ditching on Silver Creek and will be reconstructed the intersection of Twin School and Palmer next.
* Posen crew finished ditching on Grand Point Road including change one culvert, continues to work on gravel roads and the MDOT TWA project at Warren Creek.
* Rogers City crew has been cleaning beaver dams, patching holes and working on the Business 23/US-23 intersection.
* Seasonal summer employees so far include one in Onaway, two in Posen and two in Rogers City.
* Supt./Mgr did a ride around with Art Tennant who was very much concerned with the condition of the gravel roads near his residence.
* R.S. Scott & Associates were on Five Mile doing test bores for base soil strength as part of the engineering estimate to reconstruct the road. After Supt./Mgr has an estimate from County Road Engineer Straley he will contact GFL and Allis Township regarding a cost share for the project.
* The 638 crush/shape/pave project (1.4 miles from Krakow Township line to E. Grand Lake Rd) plans are nearly complete. Looking for a September, 2023 letting with work to be done in May, 2024. Presque Isle Township is on board with this proposed timeline.
* The three (3) 451 projects are in the July letting. A token payment is required to the property owners who are granting the temporary Right of Way permissions, $100 per property owner has been suggested. Item moved to New Business
* CRA has facilitated a in person meeting with EGLE and MDOT regarding the new proposed Mineral Brine permit. The purpose of the meeting is to understand what problem EGLE is trying to resolve. The meeting will be Monday, June 5, 2023 in Lansing as persons are asked to attend in person if possible. A virtual option will also be available.

***Unfinished Business:***

 None

***New Business:***

 A motion was made by Catalano (Macomber) to request $10,000.00 from MDOT for reimbursement of engineering costs and sign the necessary document.

 Ayes: Macomber, Catalano, Quaine

 A motion was made by Catalano (Macomber) to amend the Substance Abuse Testing Policy to include pre-employment testing and random testing for seasonal summer employees.

 Ayes: Quaine, Catalano, Macomber

 A motion was made by Catalano (Macomber) to authorize payment of $100.00 per property owner (total of $300.00) for a temporary right of way easements as mandated by MDOT for culvert replacements on the 451 (Ristow to Wenzel) reconstruction project.

 Ayes: Quaine, Catalano, Macomber

 The next regular meetings of the Presque Isle County Road Commission will be, Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

 With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Quaine adjourned the meeting at 09:50 a.m.