**Presque Isle County Road Commission**

**Minutes**

**May 7, 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, Sheila Nowicki – Real Estate One, Gary Rickard – Bismarck Township resident

***Minutes:***

A motion was made by Catalano (Quaine) to approve minutes from April 23, 2025, regular meeting as presented.

Ayes: All

***Accounts Payable:***

A motion was made by Quaine (Catalano) to approve May 7, 2025, accounts payable in the amount of $204,701.56

Ayes: Macomber, Quaine, Catalano

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

* Supt./Mgr informed Board an updated quote has been received from Rogers & Sons Construction with 26-gauge steel quoted to repair the Posen garage roof. Total estimate is $29,200.92.
* Regarding the possible relocation of Lake Augusta Hwy near the M-65 intersection, Mrs. Helen McFalda does not want her driveway location moved. The Hincka family is willing to give the Road Commission property to the north for the road to be moved and not disturb Mrs. McFalda’s driveway. Discussion was held with it being noted that engineering will be needed to determine whether or not it is feasible and what the cost would be for Pulawski Township.
* Lake Emma dam and Grand Lake dam are due for inspections. Discussion was held. Both dams are Presque Isle County properties and a quote of $3,000.00 has been received from Spicer Engineering to perform the inspections.
* An updated total through May 3, 2025, for Ice Storm 2025 expenses was provided to the Board and visitors. $623,240.93 to date with about 50% of the debris removal done. Supt./Mgr discussed a plan to continue overtime on Fridays until the end of the month then scale back clean up operations and get started on construction season projects.
* An estimate of $63,323.00 to repair primary road Long Lake Hwy (wheel rutting) was provided to the Board. A section approximately 2700’ in length from 300’ east of M-65 intersection easterly would be wedged and seal coated. Moved to new business for action.
* The rented skid steer with grapple bucket has been returned and the mini excavator on load from MDOT is being returned Monday, May 12, 2025. Supt./Mgr is renting a mini excavator for one month.
* Ocqueoc Township has requested Supt./Mgr to present at their township meeting on May 8, 2025, information on Permazyne.
* Current contract negotiations with hourly employees were discussed.

***Visitor:***

Mr. Gary Rickard appeared before the board to express concerns regarding a lack of debris dump sites for citizens after the Road Commission pits close on May 18, 2025. Mr. Rickard extended his appreciation to the Board for opening the pits for vegetative debris. He stressed the importance of getting debris away from homes as it can be a big fire danger and this year is the most important time to get rid of the brush. Supt./Mgr noted that no other entities, such as DNR or Townships, are offering a place to dump debris. Discussion was held. The Board may revisit the issue at a future time. Mr. Rickard thanked the Board for their time and exited the meeting.

Sheila Nowicki, Real Estate One representative, appeared before the Board to discuss Manitou Beach Road and a concern about a possible encroachment on Road Commission right of way. Commissioner Quaine discussed the history of the road, reviewed surveys of the area and explained the land exchange done with Melvin Miller. Discussion was held about the size of the lot Ms. Nowicki was listing, whether it was buildable property and legal access to the lot. County Commissioner Tollini stated he would check with the Building official to determine if the building permit required any variances. A discussion was held regarding the value of surveys to avoid encroachment issues when building. Ms. Nowicki thanked the Board and left the meeting.

County Commissioner Tollini stated he thought citizens in his area were being patient with the debris removal process along the right of ways. Supt./Mgr Kowalski reiterated the order of removal to be County Primary roads followed by County Local roads and then dead ends and low traffic volume roads.

***Unfinished Business:***

A motion was made by Catalano (Quaine) to set the Rogers City Foreman salary at $61,178.00 effective May 1, 2025.

Ayes: Macomber, Catalano, Quaine

***New Business:***

Finance Director Wirgau provided the Board with the 2024 Act 51 Report, final budget for 2024 and 2024 Audit report. Several areas within the packet were reviewed and discussed. No exceptions or findings were indicated in the audit report.

A motion was made by Catalano (Quaine) to accept the Act 51 and Audit reports, adopt the final 2024 budget and authorize Chairman Macomber to sign the Act 51 Attest certification page.

Ayes: All

A motion was made by Catalano (Quaine) to authorize Supt./Mgr to request a feasibility study for the possible relocation of the Lake Augusta Hwy/M-65 intersection.

Ayes: Catalano, Macomber, Quaine

A motion was made by Catalano (Quaine) to authorize Supt./Mgr to proceed on the Long Lake Hwy paving project.

Ayes: Macomber, Quaine, Catalano

Further discussion was held regarding the debris dump sites. Commission Quaine would like to table the matter until the June 4, 2025 meeting. Motion by Quaine (Catalano) to table.

Ayes: All

The next scheduled regular meetings of the Presque Isle County Road Commission are set for Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.

With no further business to come before the Board the Chairman adjourned the meeting at

9:58 a.m.