**Presque Isle County Road Commission**

**Minutes**

**October 4, 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:** Clifford Tollini – Presque Isle County Commissioner

***Minutes:***

A motion was made by Catalano (Macomber) to approve minutes from September 20, 2023 regular meeting as presented.

Ayes: All

***Accounts Payable:***

A motion was made by Catalano (Macomber) to approve the October 4, 2023 accounts payable in the amount of $210,351.08

Ayes: Quaine, Catalano, Macomber

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

• Sent out an email to TRC Companies regarding their proposed interest in the Moltke Ridge Wind Team asking to be kept up to date. Enclosed is their response.

• Supt./Mgr checked on Mr. Davies at the end of Hill St, and he has removed the fence, logs and brush pile from our R.O.W. Supt./Mgr will meet with him this fall to do some brushing on our platted R.O.W.

• Road project updates;

-Petersville Road is done other than stripping

-451 Hawks Hwy to Noffze is finished

-451 Ristow to Wenzel will be back working on soon- believe gravel being installed today

-489 is being paved today

-North Grand Lake Hwy repair is finished.

• Supt./Mgr requested Board input on possibly building a covered storage (32’ x 40’) in the open space behind our sign shop. Supt./Mgr is in the process of getting some pricing to present to the board for consideration The extra cover would be good for attachments and smaller equipment to be under cover.

• Supt./Mgr obtained current pricing on Perma-zyme to do four miles would be $29,964.00 (12 pails)

• The calcium chloride we did this year is easily twice as good as the brine we spread.

* We have funds left in our capital outlay budget and would like to start looking for a man lift like we have rented the last three years. The foremen have been asking if we were going to rent or purchase as they have work lining up for one. Approximate price range is $30,000.00 to $35,000.00 for one that has less than 3000 hours.

• Pricing on our blade order will be $54,687.00 need permission to order. Discussion was held with Supt./Mgr noting this order may or may not cover two years of use. Item moved to new business

• Rogers Township is looking in at possibly reconstructing Airport Hwy from 451 to US 23. Supt./Mgr suggested making it Class A, all season road. Road Commission crews could do most of the work, a written estimate for the project was presented to the Board. Rebuilding this section of Airport Hwy may help the Road Commission get a grant for the mile west of 451. Airport Highway would then be an all-season road connecting two state trunkline roads.

• Supt./Mgr has been working diligently on the right of ways and temporary Right of Way (property acquisition) for the 451Road projects and Shubert Hwy bridge project.

• Supt./Mgr will be attending a Rural Task Force (RTF) meeting on Oct 27, 2023. Addition and deletions along with changes to our 5-Year plan and illustrative list can been done at the meeting. We will need board approval and minutes to move roads into the Illustrative list. A list of possible roads to add to the Illustrative List was given to the Board for review.

• Influenza vaccination will take place on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 7:30 am if any Commissioners are interested in receiving the vaccine. Tom Gajewski, McLean Pharmacy, will be doing the shots at the Rogers City lunch room.

***Visitors:***

County Commissioner Tollini reported that GFL representative Chis Gee attended the last County Commissioner meeting and spoke about the drilling of wells on the property to withdraw methane gas from the landfill. Discussion was held.

***Unfinished Business:***

Commissioner Macomber asked Supt./Mgr if he had been contacted by the solar panel representatives? Supt./Mgr Kowalski stated a Public Hearing (rescheduled from a prior date) is to be held on Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 7:30 pm at the Belknap Township Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to have the Planning Commission consider the Special Use Permit requested by DTE Electric Company to build a Utility Scale Solar Energy Facility.

Chairman Quaine received a complaint from a citizen regarding foliage obstructing vision on Wildcat Corner (W 638 Hwy & Wildcat Hwy intersection). Discussion was held.

***New Business:***

A motion was made by Catalano (Macomber) to authorize Commissioners, Supt./Mgr and Clerk to the attend the Straits Area Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at Mackinaw City.

Ayes: Quaine, Catalano, Macomber

A motion was made by Catalano (Macomber) to authorize the purchase of winter scraper blades in the amount of $54,687.00.

Ayes: Macomber, Catalano, Quaine

The next regular meetings of the Presque Isle County Road Commission will be, Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Quaine adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.