

## **Alcona County Road Commission October 14, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes**

A regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Alcona County was held electronically and was called to order by Chairman Theodore Somers at 4:00pm on Wednesday, October 14, 2020. Present: Chairman Ted Somers, Vice-chairman Harry Harvey via ZOOM, Member Al Scully, Managing Director Jesse Campbell, Clerk Renee LaVergne, Superintendent Mike Escareno, and Board Clerk Lori Grush.

### **AGENDA ADOPTION**

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to accept the October 14, 2020 meeting agenda.

Roll call vote: Scully – yes, Harvey – yes, Somers – yes

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Escareno began by informing the Board that as of October 6<sup>th</sup>, the Seal Coat, Fog Seal and lines had all been completed on F41. They began the RAP projects on Oriole, Henry. There is a culvert replacement at Clemens and Poor Farm Road that he hopes to start next week. They've also been doing some durapatch – buttoning up some of the potholes and problem areas before we lose temperature. This week, some of our newer employees sat in on some winter operations training in a virtual meeting. The mechanics are working to get the brush tractor together. We had one break down.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2020 meeting as presented.

Roll call vote: Scully – yes, Harvey – yes, Somers – yes

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS**

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to approve payment of open accounts from October 14, 2020 in the amount of \$514,061.75

Roll call vote: Scully – yes, Harvey – yes, Somers – yes

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

CRASIF – Alcona County Road Commission Earns an “A” For Workman’s Compensation

CRASIF – Received a \$500.00 Safety Grant Award

East Central Council Meeting – Thursday October 15<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00am VIA Zoom.

RTF Meeting Friday, October 23 @10:00am VIA GoToMeeting

### **BUSINESS**

**MCRCSIP Ballot – By-Law Amendment**

Discussion ensued regarding the language of the by-law revision and it's potential impact. Moved by Commissioner Scully, Somers to vote NO on the September 2020 Amendment to the Michigan County Road Commission Self Insurance Pool By-Laws.

Roll call vote: Scully – yes, Harvey – yes, Somers – yes

**Estimated Quote for Safety Jackets / Gloves / Flashlights**

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Scully to approve the purchase of Safety Jackets, winter gloves, and tactical flashlights using the \$500.00 Safety Grant plus the Liability Fund refund from MCRCSIP that was received in September, not to exceed \$2,300.00

Roll call vote: Scully – yes, Harvey – yes, Somers – yes

**Advertisement for Bids for Used Tar Distributor Truck and to purchase**

Manager Campbell presented the need for a replacement and the details of one that was currently available for \$28,000 in White Cloud, MI. The mechanics went to look at it on Monday. The commissioners opted to jump on that one. Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to purchase the 2000 Peterbuilt 357 truck to replace the Tar Distributor Truck for the Alcona County Road Commission.

Roll call vote: Scully – yes, Harvey – yes, Somers – yes

**Advertisement for Bids for Used Semi-Truck and to purchase**

Manager Campbell explained that the mechanics were confident that they could locate a good used semi-truck versus a new one. Before the motion was completed, further discussion took place. Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers to authorize the managing director to put out advertisement for bids for a Semi-Truck and if one is found to purchase with a not to exceed of \$65,000.

Roll call vote: Scully – yes, Harvey – yes, Somers – yes

**Advertisement for Bids for New Tar Distributor**

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Somers to approve the advertisement for bids for a New Tar Distributor until Wednesday October 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm at which time the bids will be presented to the board.

Roll call vote: Scully – yes, Harvey – yes, Somers – yes

**Advertisement for Bids for New and Used Chip Spreader**

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve the advertisement for bids for a New or Used Chip Spreader until Wednesday October 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm at which time the bids will be presented to the board.

Roll call vote: Scully – yes, Harvey – yes, Somers – yes

### **Advertisement for Bids for Asphalt Projects for 2021**

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve the advertisement for bids for our 2021 Asphalt Projects.

Roll call vote: Scully – yes, Harvey – yes, Somers – yes

### **Weight Restriction Enforcement – Michigan State Police**

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to accept the estimated hourly rate of \$83.70 from the Michigan State Police and authorize the managing director to use their services for our weight Restriction Enforcement in 2021 in a not to exceed amount of \$8,000.00.

Roll call vote: Scully – yes, Harvey – yes, Somers – yes

### **Township Agreements**

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to accept agreement GR2001 in the amount of \$21,279.00 with GREENBUSH Township with the terms agreed upon.

Roll call vote: Scully – yes, Harvey – yes, Somers – yes

### **MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Manager Campbell stated that they will be staking Cedar Lake Road this week and Bolens and Elmers will start pulverizing and adding new gravel on Monday. The wash barn is going really well. He will be looking at a steamer for it next week. He's still waiting on the estimate to replace the fence. Tomorrow he meets with Mike Russo regarding the pole barn lean to. Campbell stated that we still needed to look at the front steps of the office building. There is still water leaking in the basement. The furnace and AC has been completed. F41 is complete, we're waiting for the \$225,000 from MDOT. Commissioner Scully asked about Tait/Everett Road. Manager Campbell stated that the gate has been removed. Campbell went on to explain the other issues going on with the surrounding properties. Scully also asked about the logging on Brodie Road. Campbell shared that Superintendent Escareno did speak with the loggers and they brought some gravel in to fix the damage. We're having similar trouble on Hubbard Lake Trail. Discussion ensued about bonding the loggers.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Commissioner Harvey brought up the gas line work happening on F41. He's concerned someone is going to get hit. They do have permits. Campbell explained that Escareno has been on them about staying out of the road.

### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Somers shared that he went down to look at the dam and thinks it looks very nice. He also was present during a couple of the meetings with Manager Campbell and he wanted to state that Manager Campbell represents the Alcona County Road Commission very well.

**ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair at 5:13pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on October 28, 2020

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Theodore Somers, Chairman

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Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant