

Alcona County Road Commission January 27, 2021 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 3:00pm on Wednesday, January 27, 2021. Present: Chairman Ted Somers, Vice-Chairman Harry Harvey, Member Al Scully, Managing Director Jesse Campbell, Clerk Renee LaVergne, Superintendent Mike Escareno, and Board Clerk Lori Grush. Guest included Al McGowen

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to accept the January 27, 2021 meeting agenda as presented.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. McGowen spoke to the board regarding improving the condition of Ritchie Road in Hawes Township near his home. It's the wet spots that need some fill brought in. Discussion ensued between the board, Mr. McGowen and the managing director. It was agreed that the managing director would follow up with Hawes Township about possible solutions. Mr. McGowen and the board were satisfied with that.

Mr. McGowen left the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Escareno shared that they've been working on quite a bit of tree cutting, snow plowing here and there, and both brush tractors are out. One is still in Curtis Township and the other one just left Alcona Township, headed for Caledonia Township. We had a one-day chain saw safety training class with a few of the new members. Patching in various areas of the county. Trying to catch the potholes as they pop up in between snows.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2021 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 January 27, 2021 in the amount of \$42,600.19

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

Virtual guest Craig Johnston joined the meeting at 3:14pm

CORRESPONDENCE

Alpena MDOT 2021-2025 Road & Bridge project sheet was presented to the Commissioners. Manager Campbell gave a brief description of the one's in our county and how they may impact our projects.

BUSINESS

MDOT Audit Results

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to accept the Michigan State Transportation Commission 2019 Audit Report No. 2021-58 Contract 2017-0145.

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

Virtual guest Drew Milwrick joined the meeting at 3:31pm

Design Proposal – F-41 from village to Lost Lake Woods Club

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to accept the Proposal for Design Engineering Services from Huron Engineering, with a not to exceed fee of \$20,000, for the F-41 project from the Village of Lincoln to Lost Lake Woods Club.

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

Tree Planting along VanEtten Creek

Manager Campbell explained that the Conservation District is strictly looking for permission to plant trees on our property. The property remains ours, the trees will be ours, and there is no financial or time investment from the Road Commission.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to authorize the managing director to proceed with the tree planting of various species of trees on Alcona County Road Commission property along VanEtten Creek proposed by the Alcona Conservation District to aid in erosion control and water quality.

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

Manager Campbell asked the Board to sign a prepay for the previously approved purchase of a semi-tractor that was missed earlier in the meeting during Open Accounts.

Moved by Harvey, Scully to approve the payable from January 25, 2021 in the amount of \$73,515 for a 2006 Peterbilt Semi Tractor.

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

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Manager Campbell shared that there were a couple of snags in the completion of the wash barn, including ventilation. Hawes Township did dissolve the property tax issue (on the grader), their motion covered until the end of the lease. There is no letting date yet for the F41 project for 2021. We were set to get \$325,000 in 2023 thru MDOT's Small Urban program to finish Cedar Lake Road, and MDOT is asking for 5 volunteers to change the year of the project because they had the projects divided between odd and even years

and the odd years somehow got overweighted. The scope of this project is from F30 to Ridley Road. Manager Campbell stated that he will have CRASIF information at the next meeting for the board regarding a workmen's comp case "Smith vs Chrysler". The employee was covered if he was driving to and from work. Commissioner Scully asked about safety issues for the new Salt Barn again. Manager Campbell has been speaking with a couple other county's and also Omega Electric. Commissioner Scully asked Campbell to elaborate on the ventilation issue in the Wash Barn. Campbell stated that it wasn't missed, many wash barns don't have it. Discussion followed. Commissioner Harvey asked about the status on the Cedar Lake Dam assessment. Campbell explained that the finance consultant hired is suggesting to keep it as a drain assessment, so Alcona property owners will make up the shortage next year. Campbell did state that it looks like there will be enough to cover the first bond payment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Superintendent Escareno asked if there would be a water monitoring system installed for the wash barn. Manager Campbell replied that it's a manual float gage.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair at 4:01 pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on February 10, 2021

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant