

Alcona County Road Commission June 23, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

A regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Alcona County was called to order by Chairman Ted Somers at 4:00pm on Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 301 N. Lake Street Lincoln, Michigan. Present: Chairman Ted Somers, Vice-Chairman Harry Harvey, Member Al Scully, Managing Director Jesse Campbell, Superintendent Mike Escareno, Clerk Renee LaVergne and Board Clerk Lori Grush. Guests included Carolyn Brummund and Craig Johnston.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to accept the June 23, 2021 meeting agenda as amended. Motion carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

none

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent Escareno shared that we've been pretty steady with cold patch and durapatch in between our seal coating and fog sealing projects. He feels confident we're coming along pretty strong. He's happy with how things are coming along, the guys are doing a great job. We've done a little gravel blading when we get moisture. Our gravel train has been kept busy hauling in 29A and limestone. Both mowers are out mowing. Once the fog seals are done on this side of the county, crews will be moving out to Curtis Township to start on their projects within the next two weeks. Chair Somers shared that he was at a township meeting and the township was happy that the invoice came in lower and that the project turned out real well. Escareno shared that the crews have been able to lower the amount of stone and emulsion applied which not only saves us money but the townships too.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Harvey to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2021 meeting with amendments. Motion carries

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve payment of open accounts from June 23, 2021 in the amount of \$192,497.71

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Information for the MCRC SIP Annual Membership Meeting July 21 & 22 was provided to the board. Manager Campbell will be attending.

BUSINESS

Letter from Michael R Kluck & Associates – Change in Client Rate

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to accept the new client rate of \$185.00 per hour from Michael R Kluck & Associates for their Labor and Employment Law counsel and allow the managing director to sign on their behalf.

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

Permit/Hold Harmless – Presque Isle Electric & Gas on West Lake

Manager Campbell explained that a permit had been submitted and denied. A new septic pipe will need to be installed with an open bore one to two feet under the roadway instead of the minimum six feet that we require to the field across the street from the home. He explained that if the board agreed to this, we would want a hold harmless agreement drafted by legal counsel and signed by the property owner to submit to the county to attach to the deed. Discussion ensued on how this would impact road durability and quality and long-term maintenance.

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Harvey to issue a permit for a private contractor to install sewer line outside of our current guidelines and permit legal counsel to draft and execute a hold harmless letter.

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

Township Agreements

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to accept agreement CL2104 for adding recycled asphalt millings for 0.251 mile on Mathewson Road with CALEDONIA Township with the terms agreed upon.

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

Exhibit B

Campbell presented the Administrative/Salaried Staff's Benefits Exhibit B with the changes highlighted which would match that of the current union contract.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to accept Exhibit B-Salaried Employee Benefits with amendments.

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

Managing Director Contract

Manager Campbell reminded the board that his contract expired March 1, 2021. He provided a copy of the amended contract that was never executed but has been what has been in effect per the meeting minutes. He also had provided the board with a potential job description for the Drain Commissioner. Per recommendation, board had two options. 1) have two contracts – one for Managing Director and one for Drain Commissioner or 2.) add the Drain Commissioner responsibilities and salary to the amended contract for the Managing Director. Campbell also shared that legal suggested having an escape clause in case the Alcona County Board opted to name someone else as Drain Commissioner. The job description of Drain Commissioner was discussed at length. It was discussed to keep the Drain Commissioner at an hourly rate.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve legal counsel to draft an amendment to the Managing Director's contract increasing his salary by \$2,100

beginning March 1, 2021, \$2,100.00 beginning March 1, 2022 and \$1,500.00 beginning March 1, 2023.

Roll call vote: Scully – yes, Harvey – yes, Somers – yes Motion Carries
Further discussion followed regarding the Drain Commissioner.

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Manager Campbell shared that he spent the last three days working with MDOT on the PACER Ratings. They rated every road in Alcona County that is hard surface, approximately 780 miles. There were blemishes in our RoadSoft system. Alcona Road has been wedged last week. Regarding seal coats, Campbell shared our cost per square has been as low as \$1.08 per sq., due to the crew working together, the better performance from the new equipment and hauling our own material. The lowest bid we had received was \$2.35. The stone savings alone has made a huge difference and we've really been able to save the townships money. We just received today the quotes for the fans for the wash barn and for the wiring. The F-41 project overlay has been awarded and we'll have the pre-construction meeting in the next couple weeks. Campbell shared his truck is nearing 20,000 miles. Just alerting the board if they wanted to attempt to have him trade it in or keep it. Last night he submitted the DEQ permits for the F-41 bridge and is working on the engineering.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Administrative Assistant announced that we do have a volunteer driver that will be participating in the Barton City Parade this year on July 4th.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Scully complimented us on the partnership with Alcona Schools and the plow painting. He commented on the article in today's paper. Commissioner Somers asked how the roadside brushing was coming. Campbell stated that we have started and that he is considering doing some chemical brush control later this year. Scully opened dialogue for thought on replacing our office building. Campbell recalled discussing it before and he did draw up some plans on enlarging the building to the west.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chairman at 5:18pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on July 14, 2021 at **6:00pm**

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant