

Alcona County Road Commission July 28, 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, July 28,, 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. Guest included Karen Lister.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Somers to accept the July 28, 2021 meeting agenda as presented
Motion carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Lister addressed the board regarding her property on North Huron Terrace Drive in Harrisville Township. She believes that development at the top of the hill across the road has had a negative impact on her property. She had three specific questions that she addressed with the board. Manager Campbell provided a contact name with the state police for her to contact regarding the speed limit and a traffic control order from them, he and Commissioner Harvey stated they will go out to look at the drainage/culvert issue and Manager Campbell will speak with the township to seek approval about a stop sign. Mrs. Lister provided two contact phone numbers.

Karen Lister left the meeting

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent Escareno updated the board that we will be finished with the chip sealing tomorrow and then on to fog seal for the month of August. We have 37,000 gallons of fog seal to do. In between we're hitting a few of the roads that need blading, still working on the mowing, durapatching, and we've had some beaver problems. In addition to Gehres Road, there are six other locations in the county that we hit regularly for beavers. Commissioner Somers asked about the section on F41 that looks like equipment coming out of the field picked up some of the seal coat that was applied last year. Escareno agreed and stated it had just happened with in the past couple of days.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2021 meeting as presented.
Motion carries

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to approve payment of open accounts from July 28, 2021 in the amount of \$244,655.20
Roll call vote: Scully – yes, Harvey - yes, Somers – yes
Motion carries

CORRESPONDENCE

The Alcona County Commissioners 2021 Committee and Board Appointments, (*Craig Johnston joined the meeting*) the Alcona County Building New Phone Extension List, the letter regarding the MCRC SIP 2021 Liability Refunds and the Region 9 Rural Task Force Meeting August 9, 2021 agenda were presented to the board and discussed.

BUSINESS

Recording Of Meetings

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Harvey to allow the board clerk to record audio during open board meetings to use in preparing the official minutes and add on the agenda that the meeting will be recorded. The recording will be permanently deleted after the minutes are approved Motion carries

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to allow the managing director to purchase a recording device at his discretion.

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

CRASIF 2021 Board Of Trustees Ballot

A sample ballot and letter of interest for each candidate was presented to the board. Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to vote for Jesse Campbell for the Northern Region Representative on the 2021 CRASIF Board of Trustee Ballot. Motion carries

Managing Director Contract

The contract was provided to the board along with the General Managers job description and the Drain Commissioners job description.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully accept the Managers Contract effective March 1, 2021 thru February 28,2024 as written by attorney.

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

Equipment Purchases

Manager explained that he would like to seek bids for several pieces of equipment that may need replacing so that the costs can be built into the 2022 budget. He would be seeking bids on a low-boy, a chipper, pick-up truck, water truck, shop truck, etc..

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Harvey to authorize the Managing Director to advertise for bids for equipment purchases. Motion carries

August 11th Meeting

Manager Campbell stated that there was a good chance that he would make it back after his CRASIF meeting in Gaylord in time for the 6pm meeting. Discussion ensued on whether to cancel the August 11th meeting. No change was made.

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Manager Campbell shared that the F41 grade inspection meeting was on Monday for next years deck replacement. The originally planned detour route on Goddard Road to Cruzen Road has had to change because the Cruzen Road bridge has weight limit so it

can not be used. Lanes will have to be kept open. This raised the cost up about \$320,000 and will add 4 weeks to the project MDOT did raise the cap so some will be absorbed by them. The start date is not set yet, probably in the early spring. The pre-construction meeting is tomorrow for the F41 project from Mikado to M-72. The seal coat projects have wrapped up. Campbell will be speaking with townships, there might be a few more added. The MCRCSIP meeting addressed COVID guidelines, increase in cases, and the increase of cyber attacks. The meeting overall was one of the best he's been to. Campbell alerted the board that we will need to have a workshop soon to discuss 1.) policy changes 2.) permits and 3.) Rural Task Force road projects. Then we'll need to post for a public hearing. Commissioner Somers asked if the road commission had cyber security insurance. Yes, MCRCSIP made a recommendation that we went with last year when they were no longer able to offer the coverage.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Craig Johnston suggested sending a three-year average of Drain Commissioner hours to the County board so that they may budget for it. Manager Campbell agreed and stated that it had been discussed. Commissioner Somers asked Escareno if the new equipment was a help in the seal coating this year. Escareno stated that it has helped. It has a 14 foot spray and he's seeing a lower cost with the new equipment. He feels that the roads look better and the stone set is better. He is very happy with the equipment.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chairman at 5:00pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on August 11, 2021 at 6:00pm

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant