

Alcona County Road Commission February 10, 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, February 10, 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.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to accept the February 10, 2021 meeting agenda as presented.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Escareno shared that he didn't have much new to add this week. Still heavy on the tree clean up on F30 and MacNeill Road. Both brush tractors have been out in Caledonia Township and Curtis Township, they're both in for some mechanical issues today. We had some guard rail repair on M-65 due to a crash. We're still pot hole patching in various areas of the county in between the snow removal. We did some more safety training with 5 more from the crew today and plan for 5 tomorrow which meets the COVID gathering restrictions based on our space.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2021 meeting as presented.

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

Guest Craig Johnson joined at 3:04pm.

Harold's Ipad joined and then immediately left.

Guest Drew Milwrick joined at 3:08pm

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to approve payment of open accounts from February 10, 2021 in the amount of \$73,176.04.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

CRASIF Judicial Update

Discussion ensued regarding the impact the Commuting "To and From Work" Doctrine could have on the Alcona County Road Commission

CRA Updated Code Of Conduct

BUSINESS

Clarification on Purchase of Semi

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Harvey to correct the previous spending limit of \$65,000 to \$75,000 for the used semi.

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

Act 51 Road Certification Submission

Manager Campbell explained that there are a couple changes on this years mileage certification. One being Birch Acres, which was a mileage correction from .36 to .24 and the other is the removal of a portion of Adams Road off of the certification.

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to authorize the Chairman to sign the 2021 Act 51 Certification form and its submittal.

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

Attorney Services

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to accept the legal services of Attorney David H. Cook for the Alcona County Road Commission during 2021 in the amount of a \$1,000 retainer.

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

USDA Forest Service Contract

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to accept the Modification of Grant or Agreement that the USDA Forest Service has presented for fiscal year 2021 and authorize the Managing Director to sign and submit the agreement.

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

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Manager Campbell let the commissioners know he's participated in the County Engineer Workshop on-line the last two days. MDOT let them know that there are some changes in safety grants and Rural Task Force Funding and Urban Funding and how it's disbursed. The amounts aren't going to change but there are new guidelines that will have to be met. The US 23 preconstruction meeting was this afternoon, that is still on schedule. They are still looking at April 1 start date, possibly sooner if weather permits. Campbell stated that they did the walk around for the wash barn. The contractor has found a few things that he'd like to upgrade or change, most will be done in the spring. The tank monitoring system is a manual system with an electronic indicator and that hasn't been mounted yet.

The approval was received today to proceed with the Salt Barn repairs with Meridian Contracting Services

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Scully asked if we follow up after crashes with the insurance company of the perpetrator to collect. Manager Campbell stated that we haven't really had any. Some on the state routes but that's on MDOT. He's aware that there are some damaged guard rails.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair at 3:34pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on February 24, 2021

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant