

Alcona County Road Commission May 25, 2022 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, May 25, 2022 at 301 N Lake Street Lincoln, Michigan. Present: Chairman Ted Somers, Vice Chairman Harry Harvey, Member Al Scully, Superintendent Mike Escareno, Clerk Renee LaVergne and Board Clerk Lori Grush. Guests present included Phil Wolf, Auditor, Bill Thompson, County Commissioner liaison and Alcona County resident Richard Wehn

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Scully to accept the May 25, 2022 meeting agenda as presented. Motion carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Thompson, County Commissioner gave updates on the tire recycle day, the NEMCOG grant for electronic waste recycle being held in September,

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Escareno shared that we have gotten a start on township projects. Completed one project today. There have been two culverts repaired; one on Dewar Road off of F41 and one on Cedar Drive that needed to be lowered. Escareno stated that the crews are continuing with crack seal projects in preparation for seal coat. They started on the forest service blading last week. Crews finished the Greenbush township agreement for Wissmiller today and moved to south Poor Farm Road. We started Somers Road off Sucker Creek with RAP. Hauled 29a to two locations for sealcoat projects. The mechanics have been prepping everything for seal coats. Escareno stated mid-June is the tentative start of seal coating. We currently have roughly 40 miles for this summer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Somers to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carries

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve payment of open accounts from May 12, 2022 in the amount of \$89,099.00

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

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve payment of open accounts from May 25, 2022 in the amount of \$64,462.16

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

CORRESPONDENCE

None

BUSINESS

2021 Financial Audit – guest Phil Wolf

Phil Wolf with Anderson, Tackman & Associates was present to discuss the highlights of the audit with the Board and Commissioner Somers asked what we could do different or improve on. Mr. Wolf recommended going thru our policies and looking at the ones in the updated Accounting Manual to make sure they were current

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to accept the Financial Audit of The Alcona Road Commission submitted by Anderson, Tackman, & Associates for the year ending December 31, 2021 as presented.

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

Motion Carries

Phil Wolf left the meeting at 4:54p

Pine River Culvert Replacement vs Repair

The board members were each presented with a quote for replacement and a quote for lining of the culvert next to the Pine River Bridge on F41. Commissioner Scully expressed concern about the quote for re-lining that included a stipulation that we would be responsible if contractor's machinery became stuck. Commissioner Scully requested topic to be tabled until the next regular board meeting

Engineering Reimbursements

The Board was presented with invoices from Huron Engineering regarding the MDOT annual Engineering Reimbursement. Commissioner Somers requested topic to be tabled until the next regular board meeting

Township Agreements

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to accept agreement A12202 for single sealcoat with fog seal for 2.25 miles on Black River Road with ALCONA Township with the terms agreed upon.

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

Motion carries

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to accept agreement CU2201 for single seal coat with fog seal for 1.23 mile of F-30 with CURTIS Township with the terms agreed upon.

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

Motion carries

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to accept agreement CU2202 for single seal coat with fog seal for 2.21 mile of Brodie Road and Park Road with CURTIS Township with the terms agreed upon.

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

Motion carries

Mr. Thompson asked for an explanation on the fog seal. Superintendent Escareno explained the process and it's benefits.

Commissioner Wages

The Board was provided with wage comparisons from across the state for other road commissions Commissioner Somers requested topic to be tabled until the next regular board meeting to allow them time to go over the information.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Harvey inquired on what the state was doing on M-72. We had been asked to provide flagging while the company MDOT contracted did some soil sampling. He also inquired if MDOT project had started in our county yet on M-65 or if they were still in Alpena County. Escareno shared that they have made their way to M72 in our county.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair at 5:11pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on June 8, 2022 at 6:00pm

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant