

Alcona County Road Commission August 10, 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 6:00pm on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 301 N Lake Street Lincoln, Michigan. Present: Chairman Ted Somers, Vice-Chair Harry Harvey, Member Al Scully, Managing Director Jesse Campbell, Superintendent Mike Escareno, Clerk Renee LaVergne and Board Clerk Lori Grush. Guest present: Carolyn Brummund, County Commissioner

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to accept the August 10, 2022 meeting agenda as presented. Motion Carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Brummund stated that she had been approached by residents of Greenbush Township requesting a 4-way stop at Wissmiller and Poor Farm Road. Manager Campbell stated he will look into it further.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent Escareno shared that the gravel on Hubbard Lake Trail had been completed. They finished the RAP on Dunndale Drive and Richardson Road. He's had crews ditching in Harrisville Twp, blading of gravel roads county wide including some wash out repair and durapatching. Crew has been steady on seal coat projects. Had the fog sealing operations out three days this week. There's also been some tree clean up. Crews will be back on fog seal tomorrow in Black River on Lakeshore and Alcona Road tomorrow Commissioner Somers asked about how the new equipment was working out. Escareno stated that it's working out real well.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion Carries

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve corrected amount of open accounts from July 27, 2022 in the amount of \$137,352.96.

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

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to approve payment of open accounts from August 10, 2022 in the amount of \$373,548.68

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

CORRESPONDENCE

MDOT 2022 ACT 51 Confirmation Letter was presented to board

BUSINESS

Northern Michigan Association of Road Commissions 2023 Ballot

The board was presented with the ballot containing three nominees for the NMARC 2023 board.

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to authorize the managing director to vote for the NMARC board on behalf of the Alcona County Road Commission. Motion Carries

Public Act 51, Section 18j, Annual Cert. Of Employee Related Conditions

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve the Annual Certification of Employee-related conditions for submittal and authorize Chairman of the Board and Managing Director to sign and submit the annual certification form. Motion Carries

MDOT Title VI Certification Form Submission

The copy of what the Administrative Assistant will be submitting on behalf of the Road Commission was provided.

Policy Discussion

Manager Campbell asked if the board would need another workshop to discuss the policies further. No further workshop needed.

Commissioner Health Insurance Discussion

The board was provided with Medicare B information as well as Blue Cross Blue Shield quote from Burnham & Flowers. Discussion ensued. Motion by Harvey, Scully to opt out of the health insurance that is available to them thru the Alcona County Road Commission and take the opt out payment instead. Motion Carries

Commissioner Salary Discussion

Chairman Somers thanked the Alcona County Board for approving the request. Moved by Harvey, Scully to accept the increase of wages for the Road Commission Commissioners to match that of the County Commissioners effective January 1, 2023.

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

August 24 ACRC Meeting Discussion

Motion by Harvey, Scully to cancel the August 24th meeting and to reschedule the September 14th meeting to September 7th at 4:00pm Motion Carries

MANAGING DIRECTORS REPORT

Manager Campbell stated that the pole barn lean-to has been completed. The Pine River Bridge project is going great. The property by Jones ditch at Cedar Lake has been purchased by the Cedar Lake Improvement Board. Campbell stated that if we feel there is a hazard to the road there, we are allowed to go in and beaver trap. Sept 8th we're planning a staff training day, BBQ, union meeting. Scott Rice will be here with the "Stop The Bleed" training. We have an employee retiring October 1st. His replacement has already been hired but Campbell is considering hiring another. He shared information on a new program available to us where we can hire someone without a CDL and then serve as their CDL trainer. He is looking in to it.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Brummond spoke about the dam hearings that are coming up that are being put on by Consumers Energy. She thought the meetings were in mid-September and will forward the email on. Ms. Brummond also stated that she attended our meeting today, because it is fair week, in place of county liaison Bill Thompson.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair at 7:04pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on September 7th at 4:00pm

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant