

Alcona County Road Commission September 28, 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, September 28, 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: Cyndi Apsey, Caledonia Township Supervisor, Bill Thompson, County Commissioner liaison and Robert Page representing Alcona Health Center.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to accept the September 28, 2022, meeting agenda as presented with additions. Motion Carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Apsey addressed the board as Caledonia Twp Supervisor stating that she has enjoyed the working relationship with the Road Commission and thanked Jesse (Campbell) and Mike (Escareno). She asked to make sure the crew all knew how much they are appreciated.

Mr. Thompson shared that the county has been having their budget meetings this week and a new location for the Veteran's Affair office has been identified in Lincoln and that they will be moving forward with it.

Mr. Page spoke on behalf of Alcona Health as their new Facilities Manager. He presented the board members with a packet of the history he was able to find and relevant photos of installing a generator at the Lincoln location on Barlow Road. He is seeking our help with the final connection as Consumers is unable to move forward without a permit from the Road Commission. The permit was sent back to them due to F-41 being a federally funded project which does not allow a bore into the road. Manager Campbell agreed to follow up with Huron Engineering to discuss alternatives or to see if they've researched whether the cable that was showing under the new road is abandoned. Board Clerk took down Mr. Page's phone number.

Mr. Page and Ms. Apsey left the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent Escareno shared that the township projects have been completed. He's had the mowers out but will be bringing those in and sending out the brush tractors. Durapatching crews have been out, they've done some tree clean up, and the culvert has been restored at Pine River. We've been hauling in 29A, doing some beaver control, and Forest Service blading. Mr. Thompson inquired about the status of the Pine River Bridge. Manager Campbell stated that they are on schedule, and he has just signed off on a waiver allowing them to work Saturdays and Sundays to get the underside epoxied and sand blasted. Commissioner Scully asked about pit material hauled in to blow outs in Millen Township. Escareno answered his questions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2022, meeting as presented. Motion Carries

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to approve payment of open accounts from September 28, 2022, in the amount of \$355,075.56

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

Motion Carries

CORRESPONDENCE

The letters and photos from a Dejarlais Road property owner were provided to the board. Discussion ensued and Manager Campbell shared the steps that have been taken.

The letter from Lake State Railway requesting 2022 Annual Program Funds from MDOT's Office of Rails that would benefit the East Point Road crossing was provided.

A copy of the letter from Teamsters Welfare Fund stating that no reimbursement was required.

CRASIF Low Employee Injury Recognition letter was shared.

State of Michigan Medical Benefit Plans Annual Cost Limitations was shared.

Daltons Chemical Brush Control Letter was shared

Information for the CRA 2022 Communications Workshop on 11-2-2022 in Mt. Pleasant was provided to the board.

BUSINESS

Credit Card Limit Increase

Manager Campbell explained that on several occasions our credit cards have reached the current limits, or we have had to incur additional expenses for cashier's checks and overnight fees to cover the cost of larger items where mailing a check was the only current option.

Moved by Commissioner Somers, Harvey to approve an increase to the credit limit to the Managing Director's card to \$30,000, up from \$5,000 and an increase from \$2,000 up to \$4,000 for the clerk and administrative assistant issued cards.

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

Motion Carries

MANAGING DIRECTORS REPORT

Manager Campbell shared again that our trucks have been hauling in 29A. This is for next years seal coat projects. He has purchased a MDOT tandem dump truck and he has a truck and a chipper currently up for auction to sell. Also bidding on a John Deere skid steer with front hydraulics, model 8875, tires with tracks. Campbell went on to say they finished lining the culvert at the Pine River culvert and restored the slope. The bridge is still under construction, and it is still on schedule. He did sign a waiver allowing them to work Saturdays and Sundays. We still haven't filled in the pockets in the pole barn. The bathroom light in shop is set to be replaced this week. The fence is down in preparation for the parking lot. Goodrich will be doing the new asphalt. We are having a retirement party on the 30th at 3pm. Commissioner Scully asked when our meetings will switch to 3pm. Campbell confirmed November 9th will be the first one, after day light savings ends.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair at 5:04pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on October 12, at 4:00pm

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant

