

Alcona County Road Commission January 25, 2023, 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 3:00pm on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 301 N. Lake Street Lincoln, Michigan with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Chairman Ted Somers, Vice Chairman Harry Harvey, Member Al Scully, Managing Director Jesse Campbell, Superintendent Mike Escareno, Clerk Renee LaVergne and Administrative Assistant Lori Grush. No guests were present.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to accept the January 25, 2023 meeting agenda as presented. Motion Carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent Escareno shared that we've been pretty lucky to be able to do some ditching this time of year. They've been on Bean Hill Road today. The crews have also still trimming trees along Lakeshore North and on Poor Farm Road. Working on trees until we get more snow. Chair Somers complimented them on the brushing done along Quick Road and Somers Road.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion Carries

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve payment of open accounts from January 25, 2023, in the amount of \$36,171.55

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

CORRESPONDENCET

A copy of the press release, the News from the Coalition on Electric Vehicles and Transportation Revenue, was given to the board along with CRA Fuel Tax handout. Discussion ensued. Campbell also reported that the Northeast Central Council voted to hold all future meetings at a central location in West Branch instead of traveling from county to county.

BUSINESS

Alcona County Road Commission Investments

Manager Campbell followed up from this topic that was tabled at the last meeting. The county treasurer controls all of the investments for the road commission. The treasurer will be reviewing all of this accounts soon and will be making adjustments as needed. There is nothing to be done on our end.

Act 51 Road Certification Submission

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to authorize the Chairman to sign the December 31, 2022 Act 51 Certification form with no changes and have staff submit to MDOT.

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

CRA 2024 Board Of Directors Ballot

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to authorize the managing director to vote for the CRA Board of Directors as he sees fit. Motion Carries

Purchase of Road Sweeper

Manager Campbell explained the need for an additional new or used road sweeper and the pricing research he has already done. The amount budgeted was \$82,000. The board members opted to raise that limit based on his findings. Campbell hopes to find a decent used one.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to authorize the managing director to advertise for quotes on a new or used Road Sweeper and purchase with a not to exceed of \$85,000.

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

Purchase of Rubber Tire Roller

Manager Campbell explained the need for a rubber tire roller and the pricing research he has already done on used units. He has not researched new pricing. If Campbell cannot locate a used one for that price, it would come back to the board to revisit the purchase limit for a new one.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to authorize the managing director to advertise for quotes on a new or used Rubber Tire Roller and purchase with a not to exceed of \$92,000.

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

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Manager Campbell shared that the Lakeshore Drive bridge conceptual plans arrived on Monday. It's still a box beam bridge but it's called a spread beam because there are gaps in between the main box beams. It will need right of way on the north and south side of the bridge and it will need a temporary grading permit so he will be working to obtain that. Campbell informed the board that the railroad grant application he submitted for Pointe Road failed but he was asked to reapply next year. There is a tandem that he is bidding on. The current bid is at \$24,100 on BidCorp.

Commissioner Harvey asked about the status of the bridge on Hubert Road. Campbell reported that there is nothing yet. We should hear in February about the grant. Campbell is also applying for several construction projects thru the RAISE grants through the US Department of Transportation including Sanborn Road, Aspen Alley, and a portion of Lakeshore Drive.

Commissioner Scully asked how the meeting last week went that Campbell attended for the East Central Council. Campbell reported that it was a good meeting. He also added that he sat in on a Webinar meeting regarding the permitting for broadband installation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chairman at 3:43pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at 3:00pm

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant