

Alcona County Road Commission April 12, 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 4:00pm on Wednesday, April 12, 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, Clerk Renee LaVergne and Administrative Assistant Lori Grush. Guests present were Christopher Scully, grandson and Gerald MacArthur from Alpena County

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to accept the April 12 2023, meeting agenda with addition of Bid Letting for Spruce Road in Correspondence and Safety T-shirts in business.

Motion Carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent Escareno updated the board on the M65 guardrail work being done, both south end and north side.

We received quite a bit of rain. We did have a culvert repair on Tait Road that floated up. We've been out trying to blade some of the seasonals, and we'll be heading into the forest service roads shortly. Did some tree cutting on US 23 from county line north, Holliday Road and other spots throughout county. Beavers are back in action, removed and painted snow wings, salters come off next. We're getting ready for our liquid and some patching

Commissioner Somers asked about the chip sealed roads after this year's frost.

Commissioner Scully inquired about the accident on Trask Lake Road and dust control application by property owners.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2023 meeting as presented.

Motion Carries

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve payment of open accounts from April 13, 2023, in the amount of \$243,164.65.

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

Motion Carries

CORRESPONDENCE

The information for the East Central Council Meeting on 4-20-2023 and the 2023 Finance and Human Resource Conference May 9-11 was provided to the board.

A copy of the Bid Letting for Spruce Road from US 23 to Hubbard Lake was provided.

Manager Campbell stated that Bolens was the lowest bidder and there is a chance it won't be completed this year, but we need to have the funds obligated.

BUSINESS

Millage Bank Account

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to close the millage bank account that was set up to rebuild the barn at Huron Community Bank which has a zero balance.

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

Motion Carries

¾ ton Pickup Quote

Manager Campbell explained the quote received from Dean Arbor. Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to authorize the managing director to purchase the 2023 ¾ ton Chevy Silverado from Dean Arbor in Tawas for \$54,988.60

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

Safety T-Shirts

Manager Campbell explained the need to purchase safety shirts for the employees. Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to authorize the managing director and staff to purchase of 3 safety shirts per employee with a not to exceed price of \$1,750.00.

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

MANAGING DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Manager Campbell began by sharing that he had spoken with ESA Solar and he was not available for a conference call for this meeting. The new 2015 CAT roller has been delivered. We’ll be putting the old one up for sale as well as the Dodge pickup. The two new tandem trucks have been delivered to Traverse City. They’ll be working to get a timeline on when they will be starting on the equipment. Campbell ordered the blades and expected delivery is in June or July.

He met with Russ Williams with the Alcona Conservation District regarding the tree planting on road commission property at Van Ettan Creek on May 13th. Discussion ensued. Campbell stated that it is a volunteer effort if anyone is interested. May 20th is the County wide cleanup. They have asked us to provide two loaders. Campbell agreed as long as we have two employees that volunteer to operate them.

Everything has been submitted for the Black River Bridge. We are still waiting for clearance from EGLE before any real estate negotiations can begin.

Campbell did receive the preliminary offices plans. He provided the board with a copy of the initial proposed layout. Campbell still needs to sit down and discuss the plans with staff.

Conversation between Campbell and the board included addressing employee safety, ADA compliance, future growth, and storage. All of the materials for the damage to the front of the building have been ordered.

Campbell has started to meet with townships. He has a drive around meeting scheduled with Millen Township and then next week he’ll be meeting with Mitchell, Greenbush and Hawes Townships. Beginning this year, he will be including sections of roads being worked on in one township on one agreement instead of having each road on its own agreement. Campbell has had to let a couple townships know that we are no longer putting seal coats on gravel roads.

Chair Somers asked about what is being predicted for MTF funds.

PUB LIC COMMENT

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chairman at 4:50pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 4:00pm