

Alcona County Road Commission April 26, 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 26, 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, and Administrative Assistant Lori Grush. Guests present included Art Laatz and Kathy Laatz from Harrisville.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to accept the April 26 2023, meeting agenda as presented.

Motion carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

Art Laatz stated his address in Harrisville, MI and shared that years ago, stumps were buried in his road and now as they rot, the ground caves in. Perhaps we could send a crew out there. Superintendent Escareno recalled speaking with Mr. Laatz and working there in the past on the issue. He will revisit the location.

Mr. & Mrs. Laatz left the meeting at 4:04pm

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent Escareno updated the board that we are still finishing up the gravel blading in the county and blading seasonal and forest service roads. We may have to revisit some of them, some are still very wet. We received the emulsion for durapatcher so hitting some of the potholes. The guys finished the guard rail repairs on the state highway, have worked on salter removals and some rehab, ditch clean outs and a lot of beaver dam removal. Did the spring ride around with MDOT today and got a name of trapper that they use on the state that might be able to do some work for us here. Commissioner Scully mentioned the large pothole on Stout Road and Commissioner Harvey stated there is a large one by Consolidated also. Escareno confirmed the one by Consolidated had already been fixed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2023 meeting as presented.

Motion carries

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve payment of open accounts from April 26, 2023, in the amount of \$78,259.60.

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

Motion carries

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve payment for the two Chevy pick-up trucks that have come in.

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

Motion carries

CORRESPONDENCE

A copy of the updated MCRC SIP Updated Employment Practices Guidelines binder was provided to each Commissioner.

Manager Campbell shared a correspondence about the Lakeshore Drive over Black River Bridge being thrown out of the bridge bundling grant due to issues preventing it from receiving environmental certification. They will continue to mitigate to resolve it for future funding opportunities. Campbell has already communicated the news to Alcona Township.

BUSINESS

Act 51 Annual Financial Report

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to authorize the manager and the chairman to sign and submit the 2022 Act 51 report as presented.

Roll call vote: Scully – Yes , Harvey – Yes, Somers – Yes Motion carries

May 10th Meeting

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to cancel the May 10th meeting.

Motion carries

Manager Stipend

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Somers to pay the managing director a one time \$2,500.00 stipend in the next regular pay.

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

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Manager Campbell shared that the US23 construction is going well and is on schedule. He has received some complaints regarding speed on F41 and the truck traffic coming off of Hansen Road onto Spruce.

Monday May 8th, we will start our 4 ten-hour days. Both of the new trucks have come in and he will be posting the three old trucks and the old roller for sale shortly. The East Central Council will be inviting local representatives and senators to the August meeting to discuss relevant issues. Commissioner Scully commented that the crew has done a really good job grading this week. He also inquired about residents applying dust control on roads. Scully also asked about other engineering options for the building addition.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chairman at 4:48pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at 4:00pm

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant