

Alcona County Road Commission June 14, 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, June 14, 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. Guest(s) present included "Mac" McCormick. Curtis Township Supervisor.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to accept the June 14, 2023, meeting agenda as presented. Motion Carries

Lee Major, Greenbush Township Supervisor, joined the meeting at 4:01pm

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. McCormick addressed the board regarding the township road agreements that Manager Campbell had prepared for Curtis Township. The Curtis Township board does not wish to proceed with any of the proposed road improvements until Bissonette Road is fixed. Campbell referenced the roads that have received a failing rating that need investment before proceeding with seal coating a current gravel road.

Superintendent Michael Escareno joined the meeting at 4:03pm

Discussion ensued. McCormick is requesting that a board member accompany Campbell to their next township meeting. Chair Somers will plan on attending their meeting on July 13th at 6:30pm with Manager Campbell. Mr. McCormick also stated that there were a couple of property owners that attended his last meeting regarding Hayes Road. McCormick said he explained to them that the road would be fixed and then they would address the ATV issues. Mr. McCormick stated the township will be mailing out letters to all the residents in the area. Lee Major thanked the road commission and stated that Cedar Lake Road looks great. He had a question on if ATVs are allowed on county roads. Campbell stated that there is a county ordinance that permits them to be on the unplowed portion of the road. Campbell went on to say that townships do have the right to have their own ordinance. Mr. Major also alerted the board that the township has received a petition to pave Yukon Drive. Discussion ensued about the downside of seal coating over gravel. No decision has been made yet at the township level. Major stated they are just gathering information at this point.

Mr. McCormick left the meeting at 4:24pm

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent Escareno shared that we're on hold on seal coating, so the crew has been into a little bit of everything right now. They will do fog seal in Barton City at the start of the week and hopefully will be back seal coating on the south end of Hubbard Lake by the weekend. Both mowing tractors are out on state highways, F41 is done already. Guys have been out doing some durapatch and we did some blading after the rain.

Chair Somers asked about McConnell Road, north of Trask Lake. Escareno will take a look at it. We've done some patching there on the edges.

Commissioner Scully asked about the line painting. It is contracted, Manager Campbell stated. Campbell let Mr. Major know that they will be pulling the lines in to the minimum on Cedar Lake Drive to help reduce speed.

Chair Harvey wants to see us moving the deer carcasses farther off the road. He's getting complaints.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2023, meeting as amended. Motion Carries

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve payment of open accounts from June 14, 2023, in the amount of \$705,002.16.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

None

BUSINESS

Curtis Township Road Improvements

Manager Campbell stated that this was covered during Public Comment. He was not sure if Mr. **McCormick** Major would be present for public comment at the time the agenda was created. No further discussion was necessary,

Township Agreements

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve the following agreement(s) with **ALCONA** Township with the terms agreed upon:

- AL2301 for single sealcoat with fog seal on **Lakeshore Drive** from Haynes Township line north 3.51 miles to Black River Road and **Lakeshore Drive** from Black River Road north 1.01 miles to dead end.
- AL2302 for single sealcoat with fog seal on **Fontaine Road** for 1.61 miles from US23 to Black River Road and on **LaFave Road** from US 23 north to Black River Road for .75 miles

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

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to accept the following agreement(s) with **GREENBUSH** Township with the terms agreed upon:

- GR2301 for single sealcoat with fog seal on **Huron Cedar Road** from US23 west 2,495 feet to Cedar Lake Dr., **Cedar Lake Drive** from Huron Cedar Road south 16,930 feet to Iosco County line, **Martell Road** from US23 west 2,218 feet to Cedar Lake Drive , **Sunrise Drive** from US23 east 980 feet to township line, and **Gruff Street** from Cedar Lake Road west 1,375 feet to dead end.

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

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to accept the following agreement(s) with **HARRISVILLE** Township with the terms agreed upon:

- HR2301 for single sealcoat on **Procunier Road** from Barlow East .50 miles to King Road, **King Road** from Procunier north .54 miles to Dellar Road, **Dellar Road** from King Road east 1.89 miles to Campbell Road, and **Campbell Road** from Dellar Road North .99 miles to Clemens Road.
- HR2302 for single seal coat with fog seal on **Walker Road** from Barlow Road east 2.98 miles to Poor Farm Road and from Mill Creek East .59 miles to US23
- HR2303 for single sealcoat on **Dean Road** from Everett Road west .48 miles to gravel and **Sunrise Drive** from township line north .48 miles to dead end
- HR2304 for single sealcoat with fog seal on **Poor Farm Road** from M72 south 4.02 to Tait Road
- HR2305 for pulverizing, shaping grading and compacting existing surface of **Coville Road** from M72 south 1.50 miles to Clemens Road

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

Motion Carries

MCRC SIP 2023 Board Of Directors Election

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to allow Managing Director Campbell to complete the ballots on behalf of the Alcona County Road Commission for the 2023 MCRC SIP Board of Directors.

Motion Carries

Engineering Reimbursement

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to authorize the board to sign and submit the Michigan Department of Transportation Engineering Reimbursement for \$10,000.

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

Motion Carries

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Manager Campbell started by sharing that there had been some guard rail damage from a crash, and he has submitted it to the insurance company. Both pickup trucks that were up for auction have sold. He purchased a backhoe off the state's website. It has not been delivered yet. The F41 resurfacing project is still on schedule. Next week he'll be meeting with Bolens asphalt and Huron Engineering. He also needs to get a jump on next year's projects as Sept. 30th is the deadline. The Cedar Lake Road project went really well and is wrapping up.

Campbell did receive some complaints. Had one with car damage that he is working through with the contractors. ESA Solar followed up with Campbell. Campbell stated that we are still waiting for responses on several questions the board raised. The proposal information has not been submitted to the attorney yet. The auditor will be here for the next meeting and Campbell stated that the building repairs have been pushed back by the contractor. We have all of seal coat agreements except Curtis and Caledonia Townships. We are getting less asphalt millings from the state than originally thought.

Commissioner Harvey asked if there were any updates on the Black River Bridge. Campbell stated there was nothing. There still is no word on where the sand came from. They are fairly certain it came from US23 not from the shoreline. Harvey also asked about the building addition. No update.

Commissioner Scully inquired about the park sign on US23. Campbell stated there were some others that the state had agreed to erect and have not. He will follow up.

Commissioner Harvey asked again about pulling the deer carcasses into the ditch farther.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Major asked about what complaints Campbell received from the Cedar Lake Road project. Campbell stated that there were complaints regarding the ditching, no paved driveways and a report of vehicle damage.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chairman at 4:54pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at 4:00pm

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant