

Alcona County Road Commission June 28, 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 28, 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 Michael Escareno, Clerk Renee LaVergne, and Administrative Assistant Lori Grush. Guest(s) present included Ken Talsma with Anderson, Tackman, & Co..

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to accept the June 28, 2023, meeting agenda with addition of scheduling policy workshop. Motion Carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent Escareno shared that since the last meeting when we our seal coating was on hold. Since then, the crew has done a culvert replacement on Huron Terrace, ditching on F-41 some blading after the rain, hauling RAP out on Procunier Road, durapatching, and mowing state and county shoulders. They're back into the fog seal and seal coat now. We finished up the fog seal in Barton City. We were able to seal coat the whole south end of Hubbard Lake and part of Harrisville Township was done today. We'll do some maintenance next week and have the mowers out.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2023, meeting as amended. Motion Carries

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve payment of open accounts from June 28, 2023, in the amount of \$146,202.55

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from CRASIF 2023 explaining the Dividend Refund & Premium Discount was provided to board. The MCRCSIP Annual Membership Meeting brochure for July 19-20 was shared and Manager Campbell gave them each an updated Rural Task Force – Future Projects print out.

BUSINESS

2022 Financial Audit – Guest Ken Talsma - Anderson, Tackman, & Co.

Ken Talsma with Anderson, Tackman & Co. was present to discuss the highlights of the 2022 audit report with the Board. Ken covered the graphs that were provided, read thru the items in the synopsis letter, and answered questions from the board regarding investing a portion of the fund balance and the county clerks role in the investments. Ken overall agreed that we are in a good position.

Ken Talsma left the meeting at 4:29pm

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to accept the Financial Audit of The Alcona Road Commission submitted by Anderson, Tackman, & Co. for the year ending December 31, 2022 as presented.

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

Township Agreements

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

- MK2301 for single seal coat on **Wissmiller Road** from F41 east .99 mile to Barlow Road
- MK2302 for single seal coat on **Alvin Road** from Michaud Road south 1.00 mile to Kings Corner Road
- MK2303 for single seal coat with fog seal on **Cruzen Road** from F-30 south 3.49 miles to Goddard Road

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

Motion Carries

Schedule Policy Workshop

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to schedule a public workshop to discuss policy on Wednesday, July 12th at 3:00pm at the Road Commission office.

Motion Carries

Administrative Wages

Manager Campbell provided a comparison at other road commissions. Discussion followed.

Moved by Harvey, Scully to increase the foreman, the superintendent, clerk and the administrative assistant salary by 3.5% effective July 1, 2023.

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

Motion Carries

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Manager Campbell began by stating that he did have the attorney look over the solar lease. The attorney thought the lease payments were okay but the holding fee was low. He recommended reaching out directly to the utility company which Campbell has done and is waiting to hear back.

Kim from Huron Engineering will be at the next meeting with an update on the monitoring wells and for a landfill discussion at the Department of Public Works meeting. Campbell will request that county liaison attend the meeting.

Campbell and Somers met with the Curtis Township Road Board last night. They are still wanting some kind of hard surface on a gravel road. They are wanting to use the asphalt millings on Bissonnette. Campbell doesn't agree but will write up an agreement for it. Township will be responsible for pulverizing it when it fails and the contract will state that it is not recommended by the road commission. He told them there isn't much material and there is no plan to get more for at least 5 years. There might be enough to go ½ mile.

He did send off some suggested changes for the building expansion.

Campbell stated that in the near future the board will be asked to consider abandoning AuSable Street off Norway in Glennie. It was never developed. It is not maintainable.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chairman at 5:00pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at 4:00pm

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant

