

Alcona County Road Commission August 23, 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, August 23, 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 Board Clerk Lori Grush. Guest(s) present included Deanne Adkins and Susan Woods both of Mikado Township.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to accept the August 23, 2023, meeting agenda with the addition of CRASIF 45th Annual Membership Meeting under Correspondence.

Motion Carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan Woods addressed the board about a sign erected by her son on Lovelace Road. Commissioner Somers did state that if we get complaints about the sign, we will have to take it down.

Deann Adkins shared with the board her aggravation on the lack of maintenance on the seasonal portion of Andrews Road for the past ten years. Ms. Adkins provided the board with photos. The brush and trees are six feet tall and there is no crown on the road. She feels she gets the run around between the township and the road commission. Discussion ensued about what the limitations are for the road commission regarding maintaining seasonal roads. The MDOT standards and township involvement for removing the seasonal designation was revisited with Ms. Adkins and our policy on petitioning for it to be a private road. Ms. Adkins asked where she could go next if the road commission and the township wouldn't do anything about it.

Ms. Adkins and Ms. Woods left the meeting at 4:25p.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent Escareno let the board know that all of the Chip-Sealing projects have been completed and the crew has moved on to the fog seals and they'll be back on them on Monday after the rain. Super busy with maintenance, washouts, ditching, finished county mowing and did a second run on F41. They were able to address the concerns of a resident on East Clark Road today and they also started today on the Walker Road RAP township agreement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2023, meeting with spelling correction.

Motion Carries

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve payment of open accounts from August 9, 2023, in the amount of \$274,354.93.

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

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve payment of open accounts from August 23, 2023, in the amount of \$215,139.02.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of information were provided to the board: MDOT 2023 Act 51 Certification Letter, CRA – MI Transportation Fund Act – Fact Sheet, CRASIF 45th Annual Membership Meeting Sept. 13, Northern Michigan Conference of Road Commissions Sept. 13-15, SAM Conference – Oct. 4 -6 and the 2023 Commissioners Seminar Oct. 22-23

BUSINESS

MDOT Office Of Rail - 2024 Local Grade Crossing Surface Program

Manager Campbell explained we had applied last year for the reconstruction of the crossing on Point Road, and it didn't go thru due to lack of funding. He was contacted and asked to reapply. There would be no funding required from us.

Moved by Scully, Harvey to pass a motion in support of applying for the 2024 Local Grade Crossing Surface Program.

Motion Carries

Public Act 51, Section 18j, Annual Cert. Of Employee Related Conditions

Manager Campbell explained that the PA152 sets the composite rate to determine what employees pay for their health insurance.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve the Annual Certification of Employee-related conditions for submittal and authorize Chairman of the Board and Managing Director to sign and submit the annual certification form.

Motion Carries

MDOT Title VI Certification Form Submission

A copy of what the Administrative Assistant will be submitting on behalf of the Road Commission was provided to the board.

Township Agreements

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

- GU2307 to apply 23A limestone to existing surface on **Bush Lane** from Procunier Road south .25 miles to dead end

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

Motion Carries

NMARC 2024 Ballot for Board Members

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to authorize the managing director to vote for the 2024 NMARC board on behalf of the Alcona County Road Commission.

Motion Carries

September 13th Meeting – Cancel or Reschedule

Motion by Scully, Somers to cancel the Sept 13th meeting unless needed.

Motion Carries

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Manager Campbell shared with the board that he has been working on the budget for next year and he'll need to talk with them about equipment. He was in Boyne Falls yesterday. They have one truck that we should have by December. We've been told the 2027 Emission change will be huge. There's a lot of changes to the trucks themselves. We're looking at one truck next year, a new loader, and a track machine. Also, the grader leases are up in 2025. It's 6-9 month turn around from the manufacturer and the body builders are additional 6-9 months.

He received a revised set of office plans; he has two versions to look at. He's hoping to have it out for bids for next years construction.

The contractor is still hoping to complete the F41 and Spruce Road projects this year.

On the 30th, he'll be doing a drive around with Greenbush Township on August 30th and Thatch will be here on Thursday to set up his new computer and load RoadSoft.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chairman at 5:07pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on Wednesday, September 27th, 2023, at 4:00pm

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant