

Alcona County Road Commission January 24, 2024, 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 3:00pm on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 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 Mike Escareno, Clerk Renee LaVergne and Administrative Assistant Lori Grush. No guests were present.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to accept the January 24, 2024 meeting agenda as presented.

Motion Carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent Escareno stated that the crew has been busy with snow and tree removal. Graders have been out bumping things back. They were busy today trying to scrape the pavements down and will be back at it tomorrow.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2024 meeting as presented.

Motion Carries

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to approve payment of open accounts from January 24, 2024, in the amount of \$62,281.13

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

Motion Carries

CORRESPONDENCE

None

BUSINESS

Approval to advertise for 2024 Material Bids

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to amend the motion passed to advertise for 2024 Material Bids at the January 15, 2024 meeting by changing that all bids are due Monday, February 26, 2024 by 4:00pm and will be presented at the February 28, 2024 board meeting.

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

Motion Carries

Bridge Resolution

Manager Campbell explained that the Cruzen Road Bridge over the Pine River in Mikado Township is a strong candidate for the grant. Campbell said it is estimated to cost \$3,700,000.00.

RESOLUTION 2024-002

RESOLUTION OF COMMITMENT AND SUPPORT

BRIDGE INVESTMENT PROGRAM (BIP) GRANT BRIDGE BUNDLE

MDOT STATEWIDE LOCAL AGENCY BRIDGE BUNDLE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation (“MDOT”) has undertaken an initiative to address the needs of Michigan’s local bridge conditions through an innovative delivery method known as “bridge bundling;”

WHEREAS, MDOT reached out to the County Road Association of Michigan (“CRA”) and the Michigan Municipal League (“MML”) to work together on such an initiative for the benefit of their mutual communities, and in the interest of public safety and the Michigan taxpayers.

WHEREAS, MDOT has identified funding for the Bridge Investment Program (BIP) bundle within the BUNDLE PROGRAM and has screened and selected a number of local bridges from a statewide review for inclusion in same;

WHEREAS, the **Alcona County Road Commission** has agreed to the inclusion of the following bridge(s) in the BUNDLE PROGRAM, with associated planned work:

*Reconstruction of Structure #29,
Cruzen Road over the South Branch of the Pine River*

WHEREAS, the **Alcona County Road Commission** understands that the work as planned will be undertaken in a contract to be let and awarded by MDOT with project overage costs the responsibility of the **Alcona County Road Commission** if the project exceeds the budgeted amount, as defined in an agreement with the **Alcona County Road Commission** and MDOT. MDOT will redistribute any excess funding to reduce local agency contributions, as allowed by funding requirements once all planned bridge packages are completed. Any redistribution would be distributed equally to those agencies who were required to contribute overage funding up to the contribution total;

WHEREAS, the **Alcona County Road Commission** acknowledges that any requests to add or include work to the BUNDLE PROGRAM identified by MDOT to be either maintenance-related, a betterment or non-structural improvement to the planned scope shall only be undertaken subject to the approval of MDOT and at 100% **Alcona County Road Commission** cost, except for widening for non-motorized transportation purposes supported by approved local or regional master plans developed in a manner consistent with applicable federal and state requirements;

WHEREAS, the **Alcona County Road Commission** acknowledges that neither MDOT nor its third-party agents, contractors or consultants are assuming any ownership or responsibility for the future operation or maintenance of improvements constructed in connection with the BUNDLE PROGRAM;

WHEREAS, both parties agree that if there are any performance warranties, as part of the project, MDOT will oversee said warranted work, during the warranty period;

WHEREAS, the **Alcona County Road Commission** agrees to perform long-term, life-cycle maintenance of the improvements made to its bridge(s) included in the BUNDLE PROGRAM in accordance with sound principles of asset management upon completion of the work;

WHEREAS, the **Alcona County Road Commission** has designated an employee representative, **Jesse Campbell - Managing Director**, to serve as a point person for the agency with necessary authority and resources to act and direct its staff and third-party agents to facilitate coordination of its portion of the BUNDLE PROGRAM with MDOT;

WHEREAS, the **Alcona County Road Commission** hereby acknowledges that MDOT and its consultants have the appropriate authority to act on its behalf in the planning, design, construction and administration of the BUNDLE PROGRAM, while allowing **Alcona County Road Commission** staff input during design and reasonable access during construction to perform its own observations and inspections if desired;

WHEREAS, the **Alcona County Road Commission** agrees to support implementation of the BUNDLE PROGRAM consistent with the attached "Responsibilities of Local Agency Champions";

WHEREAS, the **Alcona County Road Commission** acknowledges and agrees that none of its direct or indirect costs incurred in connection with its participation in the BUNDLE PROGRAM shall be reimbursable by MDOT or FHWA;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the **Alcona County Road Commission** hereby agrees to support implementation of the BUNDLE PROGRAM to help facilitate the overall goal of improving local bridge conditions in Michigan.

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to accept #2024-002 Resolution Of Commitment and Support Bridge Investment Program(BIP) Grant Bridge Bundle MDOT Statewide Local Agency Bridge Bundle Program as it reads:

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

Motion Carries

Managing Director Contract Review

Manager Campbell requested that the board go into closed session to discuss his contract.

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to recess the regular board meeting at 3:18pm to go into closed session to discuss the managing director's contract.

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

Motion Carries

Chair Somers reconvened the regular board meeting at 3:51pm. Present: Chairman Ted Somers, Vice Chairman Harry Harvey, Managing Director Jesse Campbell, Clerk Renee LaVergne and Administrative Assistant Lori Grush. No guests were present.

Manager Campbell stated that the contract would be updated based on their discussion and presented at a future board meeting for approval.

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Manager Campbell shared that he attended the East Central Council meeting in West Branch. The council agreed to continue meeting in West Branch with regular meetings beginning at 9:30a. They agreed to have another legislative meeting in August. There was more talk about PA152. Some road commissions are looking to opt out so that they can offer better insurance. No update on the office addition but knows Mike is working to finalize that. The CAT loader has been ordered and is expected to be delivered in the 4th quarter of this year. There was an accident involving our grader that we are still getting repair prices on. Campbell had a phone conference with MCRC SIP regarding the claim submitted from a property owner on Bamfield Road in Glennie. They will be making a settlement offer and we will be responsible for paying a deductible. Chairman Somers shared that he did receive a letter from MDOT regarding our 2024 ACT 51 Certification. Campbell stated that it will be presented at a future meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Vice Chairman Harvey spoke about Huron Community Bank merging with a bank in Texas.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chairman at 3:56pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 3:00pm

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant