

Alcona County Road Commission February 14, 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, February 14, 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. Guests present included Mac McCormick, Curtis Township Supervisor and Dave Fialkowski, property owner from Hawes Township.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to accept the February 14, 2024 meeting agenda with amendment of Office Plans added to Correspondence and Items of Information. Motion Carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Fialkowski presented the board members with a copy of a photograph taken of the road in front of his home with the survey stakes to illustrate where the road should be. He updated the board on his recent conversation with the township. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Fialkowski left the meeting at 3:07pm

Mr. McCormick addressed the board on several items. First concern was regarding a drainage concern on Pine Street on Vaughn Lake when there are heavy rains. He then asked if Bissonette Road was still on the schedule for getting paving quotes. Manager Campbell stated that it was. Thirdly, he had concerns about the chunks of dirt along the edge of Winn Road and Pine Street. Fourthly, an Aldrich Road resident's concern about how our equipment continues to dig away the edge of the road. There is a deep ravine. Lastly, Mr. McCormick addressed the board about a resident from Michaud and Healy wishing to move a Seasonal Road sign farther down the road past his driveway. Manager Campbell stated those signs are placed in accordance with state law.

Mr. McCormick left the meeting at 3:16pm

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent Escareno reported that the guys have had a steady diet of tree cutting. There has been a crew out on Trask Lake Road and also doing tree work county wide now that the snow has melted. Also, everyone had been out to do a countywide road grade as best as we could. Commissioner Somers commented on McConnell Road near Trask Lake Road on how it is cracking up.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2024 meeting as presented.

Motion Carries

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve payment of open accounts from February 14, 2024, in the amount of \$315,772.18

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

Motion Carries

Manager Campbell stated that the board did have the MTF report and cash flow attached today. They were not sent out on Monday.

CORRESPONDENCE

The current draft of the office plans had been sent to the Board prior to the meeting. Campbell stated that they hope to have the specifications completed in the next couple weeks. Discussion ensued about security features in the addition and in the building as a whole.

BUSINESS

Parks and Recreation Board Requirements

Manager Campbell provided the board with a copy of the excerpt from Act 261 of 1965 describing who shall sit on County and Regional Park boards after being notified of this by our county board liaison. There was discussion among the board. Commissioner Harvey has been participating in the meetings for years and attends, on average, four meetings per year.

Managing Director Contract

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to approve an amendment to the Managing Director's contract increasing his salary by \$3,008.00 beginning March 1, 2024, \$1,564.00 beginning March 1, 2025 and \$1,595.00 beginning March 1, 2026.

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

Motion Carries

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Manager Campbell stated that he had attended the Mikado Township meeting on Saturday. He was asked to be there to address the attendees on the Cruzen Road over the Pine River Bridge replacement grant. Several in attendance agreed to write letters to express usage. He also updated them on future road plans. In March, Campbell plans to start meeting with townships regarding projects. The Huron Pines Bridges have been designed and ready to roll. There is a flaw with the timber bridge construction. There are four full-time residents that will be impacted. He attended the County Engineer workshop last week. Covered the changes the state is requiring. A new employee from Glennie has started. The new truck was picked up yesterday and the Kubota skid steer has arrived .

Commissioner Harvey asked about the undercutting and washouts in Glennie that Mr. McCormick spoke about. Further discussion ensued.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chairman at 4:11pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 3:00pm

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant