

## **Alcona County Road Commission April 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 4:00pm on Wednesday, April 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 and Clerk Renee Lavergne. Guests Present: Craig Johnston, County Board Liaison.

### **AGENDA ADOPTION**

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

County Commissioner Liaison Johnston reported that he was still checking into the investments. He feels the numbers are good. He is waiting to see what is said by the auditors. He discussed the ORV trails and the Oak Wilt resolution signed by the county that the trees won't be cut between April 15- July 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

Managing Director Campbell reported that the crew recently had a training day and Sam was there training on chainsaw safety; Northern Financial had a presentation for the crew as well. On April 22 and 23 a few crew members went to a chainsaw safety program provided by ACC. Superintendent Escareno received his new truck, crews have been crack sealing & durapatching. The roads are in need of blading, but the roads have been too hard to blade, the gravel project on Huffman Rd. will be starting soon.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion carries

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS**

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve payment of open accounts from April 17, 2024, in the amount of \$58,244.72.

Roll call vote: Scully- yes, Harvey- yes, Somers – yes. Motion carries

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to approve payment of open accounts from April 24, 2024, in the amount of \$71,783.93.

Roll call vote: Scully- yes, Harvey- yes, Somers –yes. Motion carries

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The MiWB Update, MCRC SIP Update, and CRASIF Reports provided at ECCM were given to the board along with the 2023 Michigan County Road Investment Plan Brochure.

The bid letting for Bamfield Road Project and the bid letting for Hubbard Lake Road Project were given to the board.

### **BUSINESS**

#### **Oxcart Permitting**

Manager Campbell discussed with the board the Oxcart permitting and the benefits it will have for the Road Commission. Campbell would like to proceed and get it going. The current fees can be used and updated later if necessary. There will be a direct link on the Road Commission website for the permitting and it will all be done online. The office staff had a

zoom presentation on it yesterday and it will take about a month to get set up. Campbell is hoping to have it set up by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to authorize the managing director to proceed with entering a contract with Oxcart Permit Systems as needed. Motion carries

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to allow Oxcart Permit Systems to deposit funds into our Alcona County Road Commission bank account.

Roll call vote: Scully- yes, Harvey- yes, Somers – yes. Motion carries

#### May Board Meetings

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to reschedule the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting to May 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm Motion carries

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to cancel the May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Motion carries

There was a discussion on having one meeting a month during office construction.

#### MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Managing Director Campbell reported the crew will be switching to a new payroll system called My Works. It will be more per month in fees to use the program, he is hoping to have it in place and start using it by May 13<sup>th</sup>. There are 4 critical bridges now and all will be inspected. He has a manager meeting in West Branch tomorrow 4/25/24. Waiting for the preconstruction meeting for Hubbard Lake Rd. and Bamfield to be scheduled. The office preconstruction meeting has not been scheduled yet. Manager Campbell is hoping for a mid to late June start on the construction. He will be talking with Harrisville Township, Greenbush Township, Gustin and Caledonia Townships soon on their projects. He met with Bob Kren and Huron Engineering yesterday 4/23/24 on the LaVergne Rd. Bridge set for 2025.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

County Commissioner Liaison Johnston asked how many townships have road boards. Campbell stated that there were not many with road boards. For most of the townships he meets with the Supervisor only or he makes recommendations on the roads that need projects and presents them to the township boards. Johnston noted that he doesn't support going to one meeting a month for the Road Commission board. He feels that the meetings are good for transparency and maintain the connection the board needs with the Road Commission.

There was discussion on the Viking Energy Plant and its status as far as staying open. Johnston heard that they would be around another 2 years. The Michigan Public Service Commission rejected the shutdown.

#### COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None.

#### ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chairman at 4:53pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00pm

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Theodore Somers, Chairman

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Renee LaVergne, Clerk