

## **Alcona County Road Commission August 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 4:00pm on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at 113 Second 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, Fleet and Facilities Foreman Ken LaLonde and Administrative Assistant Lori Grush. Guest present included David Fialkowski from Hawes Township.

### **AGENDA ADOPTION**

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to accept the August 14, 2024, meeting agenda with addition of East Central Council Meeting under Correspondence. Motion carries

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Fialkowski inquired who had met with township supervisor about the road on his property. Campbell stated that the township would need to pay 75% of the cost to have it surveyed off of the plat monuments first and then they would have to contribute 75% of the funds to the project.

*Mr. Fialkowski left the meeting at 4:07pm*

### **SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

Superintendent Escareno let the board know that they had finished all seal coats on August 7<sup>th</sup> and have moved on to fog sealing. It's going well and they are about halfway done already. In Curts Township now and then will move to Mikado and Gustin Township. Have done some ditching, mowing has been completed for the county and they are starting on second round for state highways. Next week they'll have a culvert replacement possibly in Caledonia Township and will have both mowers out. Commissioner Somers commented about all the dead oak outside the right of way on M72. Commissioner Harvey inquired about the sickle bars used in counties north of here.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2024, meeting with typo correction in Commissioner's Comments. Motion carries

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

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to approve payment of open accounts from August 14, 2024, in the amount of \$564,643.62

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The MCRCSIP 2024 Liability Refunds Letter, the ACT 51 Mileage Certification Letter, the East Central Council Meeting 8-15-2024 in West Branch, the 2024 Northern Conference September 11-13, the 2024 Commissioners Conference September 22 & 23 and the Annual CRASIF Meeting September 23 & 24 was provided to the board.

### **BUSINESS**

#### **Property Easement – Hubbard Lake Road**

Manager Campbell explained he was contacted by a realtor with a potential buyer who was asking for a permanent easement through our property at the Hubbard Lake Road pit. Discussion ensued about it including access through the other affected properties. No motion

was made with limited information. Manager Campbell is waiting to hear back from the attorney.

#### Loader – Trade or Sell

Manager Campbell explained the options including selling on consignment, auction or direct sale versus trading it in. Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to trade in the CAT loader on new one for \$91,000.

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

#### Tandem Truck Equipment Quote

Manager Campbell provided two quotes through Sourcewell from Truck & Trailer. The quotes include installation. Campbell explained the different equipment included in each quote. Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to accept the two bids and authorize the managing director to make the decision on behalf of the Road Commission.

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

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

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey 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 Submission

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

#### 2024 CRASIF Board Of Trustees Ballot

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to cast a vote for Jesse Campbell for the 2024 CRASIF Board of Trustees. Motion carries

#### NMARC 2025 Board Member Ballot

Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to authorize the managing director to vote for the 2025 NMARC board on behalf of the Alcona County Road Commission. Motion carries

#### Schedule Permit Policy Workshop

Manager Campbell has the CRA recommendations for statewide pricing. Moved by Commissioner Scully, Harvey to schedule a public permit workshop on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 2:00pm, prior to our regular board meeting. Motion carries

#### Schedule Rural Task Force Public Hearing

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Scully to schedule a special meeting for a public hearing for the rural task force on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 4:15pm. Our regular board meeting will recess and then reconvene after the public hearing. Motion carries

### **MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Manager Campbell shared that he met with NEMCOG the last week of July and covered all of the local roads for ratings as required. The walls are up on the office addition, no trusses yet. We will have to have some blocks removed from the basement wall for access. He will be getting quotes to replace the concrete walkway on the north side, steps and all. He will also get a price on mezzanine or canopy. He hopes to have a quote for the next meeting. Still waiting to submit for bids the F30 project. Huron Engineering had the wrong asphalt, so it needed to be adjusted. Should be completed next week. The culverts tried to submit the

permit; it was kicked back because those culverts control the lake level of Indian Lakes. It was resubmitted with smaller culverts. He hired 2 new employees this week and we have one employee retiring. His last day is August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Commissioner Harvey stated that several workers have spoke with him about extending the four, ten-hour days longer. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Scully asked about transferring DPW responsibilities to the Fleet and Facilities Foreman. Manager Campbell stated that the individual must be a direct employee of the board per law.

Commissioner Scully asked about the status of meeting with county to discuss the \$500,000 investment. Discussion followed. Manager Campbell is waiting to hear from the auditor regarding his availability.

**ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chairman at 5:24pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on Wednesday, August 28<sup>h</sup>, at **4:00pm at the Gustin Township Hall.**

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Theodore Somers, Chairman

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Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant