

Alcona County Road Commission February 5, 2025, 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, February 5, 2025 at 301 North Lake Street, Lincoln, Michigan with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Chairman Ted Somers, Vice Chairman Harry Harvey, Member Andrew Wright, Managing Director Jesse Campbell, Superintendent Mike Escareno, Clerk Renee LaVergne and Administrative Assistant Lori Grush. Guest present included Craig Johnston, Alcona County Commissioner liaison.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Wright to accept the February 5, 2025 meeting agenda with the addition of a closed session under new business. Motion Carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Johnston stated that they had their commissioner meeting that morning and that there had been some activity on making the road commission investments per the Treasurer's Report. Thanked the staff for their help when his mailbox was hit.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent Escareno shared that the crew is working on tree project on Yukon and some ditching in Alcona Township. Other than that primarily snow and ice removal.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2025 meeting as presented. Motion Carries

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Manager Campbell shared with the board a 2024 Township Project Recap. He will also be sharing this with the townships and the County Commissioners. Discussion followed regarding township millages, PILT money, and asset management planning.

BUSINESS

Bridge Inspection Proposal

Manager Campbell explained that we are now required by the Federal Highway Administration to have load ratings on their bridges. That cost estimate has been received but there is ongoing legislation on whether MDOT will participate in that. The provided proposal is for all 25 County bridges in 2025 and estimates for the four random bridge inspections in 2026.

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to accept the proposal from Great Lakes Engineering Group for our 2025 and 2026 Bridge Inspections and allow the managing director to proceed. Roll call vote: Wright - yes, Harvey – yes, Somers – yes Motion Carries

Act 51 Road Certification Submission

Manager Campbell stated there were no changes to the certification maps this year. Campbell did let the board know that three local roads have fallen into Urban Road per the audit this past winter.

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to authorize the Chairman to sign the December 31, 2024 Act 51 Certification form with no changes and have staff submit to MDOT.

Motion Carries

CRA Ballot

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Wright to accept the ballots and allow the Managing Director Campbell to complete the ballots on behalf of the Alcona County Road Commission for the 2025 CRA Board of Directors.

Motion Carries

March 12th and 26th Meetings

Moved by Wright, Harvey to reschedule the regular meeting from March 12th to March 11th and cancel the regular meeting scheduled on March 26th.

Motion Carries

Closed Session – Labor Negotiations

Moved by Wright, Harvey to recess the regular board meeting at 4:23pm and go into closed session.

Motion Carries

Recess

Moved by Harvey, Wright to end the closed session and resume the regular board meeting at 5:32pm.

Motion Carries

Present: Chairman Ted Somers, Vice Chairman Harry Harvey, Member Andrew Wright, Managing Director Jesse Campbell, and Administrative Assistant Lori Grush. No guests were present.

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Manager Campbell let the board know that we purchased a used hot box patcher from Saginaw and a 2003 International tandem truck with only 1,800 hours on it from Port Huron. Cambell stated that the two new trucks that we have ordered will most likely not be ready by next winter. The RTF projects were submitted last week.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chairman at 5:37pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 4:00pm

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant

