

Alcona County Road Commission August 13, 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, August 13, 2025 at 301 North Lake Street, Lincoln, Michigan with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Chairman Ted Somers, Vice Chairman Harry Harvey, Managing Director Jesse Campbell, Superintendent Mike Escareno, Clerk Renee LaVergne and Administrative Assistant Lori Grush. Three guests were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan Calder from Harrisville Township addressed the board regarding the Springport Road access. Spoke of the narrowing of the road, vegetation growth, invasive species, difficult parking, and obstructed signage.

Charman Somers thanked her and continued with agenda.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers to accept the August 13, 2025 meeting agenda with the addition of East Central District Meeting in Correspondence and Replacement of Office Printer/Scanner/Fax Machine under new business.

Motion Carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Somers asked Ms. Calder to continue her concern. She showed four pictures to the board members she took at the Springport Road access.

Manager Campbell was aware of the situation and shared that the road commission only maintains up to the guardrail. The rest is a responsibility of the township. Manager Campbell stated we do have it on the list for brushing up to the guardrail but we have no time frame available. USDA would determine if and what chemical brush control is possible so close to the lake. Chair Somers reiterated that it is on our list for brushing.

Ms. Calder left the meeting.

Craig Johnston, Alcona County Commissioner liaison, updated the board on the new Treasurer, new Prosecutor and new administrative person in the Building Department.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent Escareno shared that the mowing in the county has wrapped up and we will probably do a second run on the state routes if allowed and possibly F41 after the holiday. The brush tractor has been in Mikado Township working on some problem areas and some ditching has been done in Mikado Township and Caledonia Township. Crews started on fog seals and wrapped up those on the seal coats that we had already completed and we had 22A delivered for Bissonette Road. Today, we did the single seal on Bissonette and Pine Street in Curtis Township and they'll go back to Bisonette tomorrow to finish it up. Then we'll move on to Aspen Alley. Commissioner Harvey asked if the asphalt projects were completed. Manager Campbell added that Mt. Maria still needs to be overlayed. Bolen Asphalt still has plans for that this year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2025 meeting with typo correction.

Motion Carries

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers to approve payment of open accounts from July 23, 2025 in the amount of \$249,639.39

Roll call vote: Harvey – yes, Somers – yes

Motion carries

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers to approve payment of open accounts from August 13, 2025 in the amount of \$468,208.02.

Roll call vote: Harvey – yes, Somers – yes

Motion carries

CORRESPONDENCE

The MCRC SIP 2025 Liability Refunds Letter showing \$22,281.00 refund, Updates to Employment Practices and East Central District Meeting 8-21-25 was provided to the board. Manager Campbell shared that Cam Cavitt will not be able to attend.

BUSINESS

Amendment to Purchase of Pick-Up Truck Approval

Manager Campbell explained that the approved price was for a Ford and we wouldn't receive that until 2026. He has found others that are currently available.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers to amend the approved purchase price of one or more new ½ ton or ¾ ton pick-up trucks from \$59,939.14 up to \$62,000.00 each.

Roll call vote: Harvey – yes, Somers – yes

Motion carries

Contract with CRA – 3rd Party FEMA Submittal Agency

Manager Campbell explained that CRA has several companies that they have spoken with that help with the FEMA submittal process. A small time frame was put in place since the declaration was made. The companies charge a 5% fee. As a force account we will not receive more than 75% of our total loss. We have already been assigned an agent and meet with them next Wednesday.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers to allow the managing director to enter into contract with a third party recommended by CRA to assist with reimbursement from FEMA for ice storm damages, if needed.

Roll call vote: Harvey – yes, Somers – yes

Motion carries

Township Agreements

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers to approve the following agreement(s) with – MITCHELL Township with the terms agreed upon:

- MT2501 to add 23A limestone gravel to the existing surface of **Hubbard Lake Trail** from M-65 east for 1.00 mile

Roll call vote: Harvey – yes, Somers – yes

Motion carries

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

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers 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

2025 CRASIF Board of Trustees Ballot

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Somers to cast a vote for the three incumbents for the 2025 CRASIF Board of Trustees.

Motion Carries

Replacement Office Printer/Scanner/Fax Machine

Moved by Harvey, Somers to allow the managing director to purchase the used Konica-Minolta BizHub thru Miller Office supply with the Full-Service Maintenance Agreement.

Roll call vote: Harvey – yes, Somers – yes

Motion carries

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Manager Campbell shared that the new insurance rates for 2026 should be available the last week of August and then the hard caps the beginning of September. We'll have to evaluate then if a change is needed. He had the pre-con meeting for the LaVergne Road Bridge this morning. John Henry was the low bidder and will be setting the temporary bridge and removing the old structure. He will start the end of September. His schedule should be locked in next Monday. The Road Commission will be assembling the superstructure. We have to be out of the waterline by October 1st. We can still be assembling the bridge after that. The motor grader has been ordered and 2 pick-up trucks have been ordered. Kenny is still looking into purchasing our lease out or a different used grader. Manager Campbell does not have any information on the security upgrades for the office yet. A few of the investments expired today, so the \$1.2M is out and available. Campbell stated he will review after October 1 and see about reinvesting for next year based on our cash flow and projects. Campbell shared regarding the Federal Aid Projects that Hubbard Lake Road is completed and so is Aspen Alley and the paving on F30 is completed. Sheila at the county has been amazing. He will have information at the next meeting regarding the Monarch Butterfly Endangerment. He has submitted the form to pay to have our milkweed monitored each year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Johnston asked if Harrisville Township could hire someone to clean up the access. Manager Campbell said they could. There has been disagreements in the past on who owns that property. It would still require an EGLE involvement which will require permission from the land owner. Johnston also added that the township was very pleased with the work done on Poor Farm Road.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chairman at 4:45pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at 4:00pm.

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant