

Alcona County Road Commission April 22, 2026, 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 22, 2026- 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. One guest was present

AGENDA ADOPTION

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to accept the April 22, 2026 meeting agenda as presented. Motion Carries

PUBLIC COMMENT

County Commissioner liaison Johnston did not have anything to add.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Superintendent Escareno stated that the crew has been swamped handling complete washouts and culvert failures. In addition, we've been hauling material, just got back to working on storm trees, and did some blading yesterday on gravels.

4:02pm Curtis Township Supervisor joined the meeting.

Chairman Somers asked about the plan for trees. Managing Director Campbell stated there is no plan. It has been pushed back, especially with no funding. We will continue with it when we can.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Wright approve the minutes of the April 8, 2026, meeting as presented. Motion Carries

FINANCIAL REPORTS & OPEN ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to approve payment of open accounts from April 22, 2026 in the amount of \$102,700.55

Roll call vote: Wright - yes, Harvey – yes, Somers – yes Motion Carries

CORRESPONDENCE

The information for the Finance and Human Resource Conference May 12-14 in Grand Rapids was provided to the board.

BUSINESS

Act 51 Financial Report

Manager Cambell stated that the report had been emailed to them and pointed out the few things that changed. Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Wright to authorize the managing director and the chairman to sign and submit the 2025 Act 51 report as presented.

Roll call vote: Wright - yes, Harvey – yes, Somers – yes Motion Carries

Seasonal Roads

Manager Campbell explained that it was recommended by MCRC SIP for road commission boards to discuss closing the seasonal roads until further notice due to the ice storm and flooding. Moved by Commissioner Wright, Harvey to authorize the managing director to close all Seasonal Roads in Alcona County until further notice.

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

Motion Carries

Rural Road Alliance

Manager Campbell explained the packet they were mailed and the organizations focus. The cost is \$10,000 per year. The fees would fund legislation. The group is to support the efforts of CRA, not replace them. Right now there are six counties that are involved.

Moved by Commissioner Harvey, Andrew to table the discussion regarding the Rural Roads Alliance contract and will review it at a later date.

Motion Carries

May 13th Board Meeting

Manager explained that office staff would be away at a conference. The board opted to make no change to the scheduled meeting.

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Manager Campbell stated that he's been doing flooding assessments. He is waiting for Tunnel Vision and State Line for estimates to repair fifteen of them. A lot are receiving temporary repairs. There are over 23 locations where the road is undermined, and we also have the Bamfield Hill. Campbell met with Geo Tech for soil borings for this location. There are three separations from the hill but no signs of hydro flow. Need to identify why it's doing it. If the whole lane goes out, we will need to close the road. He will look at Brody road for detour if needed. The actual drain has undermined the bottom of the hill. It is not going to be cheap. He had a meeting with ICF on Monday. If the flooding falls to FEMA we would be 6 years out for reimbursement and we then would have to have completion in a certain time frame. Township projects are going to need to be limited this year. The Beaton Road Bridge is scheduled to be delivered June 2. The auditors will be here at the May 27th meeting to do their presentation. We are a little behind on blading – both graders were down last week. Campbell did purchase an international dump truck, a Ford F450 and a lawn mower for \$1,000.00. He did reach out to Mike Russo and has not heard back.

Chair Somers stated he has been to Cedar Lake Dam. Manager Campbell stated that it is at maximum capacity. 60,000 gallons a minute is how it was designed. The drains failed in 1986 and were never fixed. We did an engineering study back then, and I've asked them to open it back up. He recommended to the property owners petitioning the county to make it a county drain but there would be an assessment for it then.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Kevin Perry, Curtis Township Supervisor had two items. 1. He informed the board that residents can call to schedule their own dust control. Curtis Township will then reimburse ½ at the end of the year. 2. He wanted to complement our crew on all the work they have done.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Harvey spoke about Kings Corner east over to Ford Road. He was at the last meeting.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chairman at 4:30pm until the next regular meeting which will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 4:00pm.

Theodore Somers, Chairman

Lori Grush, Administrative Assistant