**Presque Isle County Road Commission**

**Minutes**

**April 20, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners for Presque Isle County was held at the Road Commission office at 657 South Bradley, Rogers City, Michigan. Chairman Ronald Bischer called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Board Members Present:** Ronald Bischer, Norman Quaine, Thomas Catalano

**Also Present**: Supt./Mgr David Kowalski, Payroll Clerk Susan Paull (acting Secretary)

**Visitors:** John Chappa, Presque Isle County Commissioner

***Minutes:***

A motion was made by Catalano (Quaine) to approve minutes from April 6, 2022 regular meeting as presented.

Ayes: All

***Accounts Payable:***

A motion was made by Quaine (Catalano) to approve the April 20, 2022 accounts payable in the amount of $32,079.64

Ayes: Quaine, Catalano, Bischer

***Supt./Mgr Report:***

* Supt./Mgr received one bid from M-32 Enterprises on a Bobcat E 50 Mini excavator for $67,887.00. Waiting for Michigan Cat to update their bid from last year.
* Discussion was held regarding permission to allow Rogers City Schools use of our roller and operator to prepare their baseball fields. The school will cover all cost and the operator is donating his time as he done for the past several years. Moved to old business.
* Discussion of lifting spring weight restrictions was held. Antrim and Grand Traverse are looking at next week.
* AIS has given us the opportunity to send one employee to the Gradall factory to see the assembly process of their machine. Luke Marez from Onaway garage will be attending. Discussion held.
* Discussion held regarding Angle Road in Moltke Township. Chad Tulgetska says he has a deed that states the Road Commission can do nothing and he will see us in court if we do. Another family member says the road is all on Robert Tulgetska property and none is on Chad Tulgetska property. Supt./Mgr would like survey done before any further decisions are made. Commissioner Bischer said there is no way to survey due records not being clear.
* Elmer’s has reached out to see if we would like any gravel crushed at the Aaron Hincka pit on US-23/Golf Course Highway at a cost of $4.75 per ton. Discussion held; price too high
* Two roads may possibly qualify for grant money (Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant) from the Michigan Infrastructure Office through NEMCOG. Airport Highway from M-68 to US-23 and County Line Road from M-68 to 638 Highway (High wire corridor). Discussion was held and Supt./Mgr will keep Board updated as new information is received.
* Supt./Mgr and Foremen attended a MDOT meeting last Thursday. Very informative, discussed the upcoming projects on the Alpena TSC map. Supt./Mgr spoke with Kevin Schaedig regarding the Rainy River bridge on M-68.Allis Township is possibly interested in allocating some funds towards the detour if it went down 638 Highway. A meeting with MDOT, Moran Iron Works and all concerned parties will be held in the near future for further discussion.
* Supt./Mgr will be reviewing applications for summer help this week.
* How many of us will attend the Straits Area Council Meeting on May 3, 2022?

***Unfinished Business:***

Employee contract negotiations were discussed and Supt./Mgr updated the Board on current status.

A motion was made by Commissioner Quaine (Catalano) to allow the Road Commission roller to be used to prepare Rogers City Area Schools ball field at no cost to the Road Commission.

No vote was conducted.

Commissioner Catalano was contacted by Mr. Johnson, a resident living on Hopkins Road, regarding road repair options for the road. Discussion was held. Board consensus is to continue with current maintenance routine, grade and gravel as needed.

Commissioner Quaine brought up the removal of 638 bridges. If both bridges are removed it would landlock one property owner. Discussion was held. Commissioner Quaine and Supt./Mgr Kowalski will inspect the site and Supt./Mgr will contact MDOT on the bridge bundling and R.S. Scott for information on the bridges.

***New Business:***

A motion was made by Catalano (Quaine) to allow expenses for Commissioners, Supt./Mgr and Clerk to attend the quarterly Straits Area Council meeting in Mackinaw City on Tuesday, May 3, 2022.

Ayes: Bischer, Quaine, Catalano

Discussion was held regarding the hiring of Josh Jobin of R.S. Scott & Associates to create the mandated 5-year Transportation Asset Management Plan.

A motion was made by Quaine (Catalano) to hire R.S. Scott & Associates to complete the TAMP plan at an approximate cost of $3,000.00

Ayes: Quaine, Catalano, Bischer

Chairman Bischer set the next regular meeting for Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

Chairman Bischer adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.