**Presque Isle County Road Commission**

**Minutes**

**August 18, 2021**

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 Thomas Catalano called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

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

**Also Present**: Supt./Mgr David Kowalski, Clerk Anne Wirgau

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

***Minutes:***

A motion was made by Bischer (Quaine) to approve minutes from August 4, 2021 regular meeting as presented.

Ayes: All

***Approval of Agenda:***

A motion was made by Quaine (Bischer) to approve the agenda for August 18, 2021.

Ayes: All

***Accounts Payable:***

Motion by Bischer (Quaine) to approve the August 18, 2021 accounts payable in the amount of $365,810.24.

Ayes: Catalano, Bischer, Quaine

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

* Supt./Mgr provided an update on the 451 reconstruction project. The paving is finished and MacArthur is finishing the shoulder gravel.
* Seal coating is taking place on Green Road, Alpena Road and within the Village of Posen today.
* East Grand Lake Road project is complete, including shoulder gravel.
* Nagel Highway was paved on Tuesday and shoulder gravel is being installed on Thursday.
* Supt./Mgr attended a Rural Task Force meeting last week and our share of the HIP (Highway Infrastructure Program – federal covid relief money) was discussed. Supt./Mgr recommends allocating our funds towards a section of Co Rd 451 either for 2022 or 2023 depending on the status and amount of the safety grant for the 451/Hawks Highway corner. We should know the status of the safety grant application by mid-September. Tentatively the amount calculated is $170,000 but this may increase slightly.
* MCRCSIP, our liability insurance pool, has awarded the Road Commission a refund of $117,000.00
* MDOT has contacted the Supt./Mgr regarding five intersections on US-23 which they would like to change the paint markings and possibly add rumble strips to them. MDOT will do the work at no cost to us if we agree to maintain the paint portions. Discussion was held. Intersections involved are: US-23/441, US-23/Heythaler, US-23/Petersville, US-23/Business Route 23 and US-23/Wenonah Drive.
* The rented mini excavator has been working our well and has been used a great deal on beaver culverts, state highway projects and culvert extensions. Discussion was held and photos reviewed.
* MDOT has installed protective posts along the bike path north of Rogers City from Shore Drive to Birchwood Drive. A brief discussion was held.
* Supt./Mgr is still working on finding pickups to purchase for the foreman and himself. Discussion was held with Commissioner Bischer stating he is not in favor of purchasing 4-wheel drive pickups and explained why. Chairman Catalano is not opposed to purchasing 4-wheel drives. Supt./Mgr will bring before the Board prices when they become available.
* Supt./Mgr is waiting to obtain day cab tractor leasing prices and a possible purchase price as well.

***Unfinished Business:***

None

***New Business:***

Commissioner Quaine was approached by the Chairman of Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op regarding the subcontracting of snow removal from their parking lot at their new facility. Discussion was held. The Board stated it would not be in the best interest of the Road Commission and daily operations to subcontract snow plowing for other emergency service entities such as PIE & G.

A motion was made by Quaine (Bischer) to enter an agreement with Posen Township to chip seal & fog .40 mile of Green Road between Clinton Lake Highway and Alpena Road at a total estimated cost of $11,400.00 with the Posen Township share not to exceed half of the 65% share ($3,705.00) with the other $3,705.00 to be paid by Krakow Township as this road is a township line.

Ayes: Catalano, Quaine, Bischer

A motion was made by Quaine (Bischer) to enter an agreement with Posen Township to chip seal & fog 1.55 miles of Alpena Road between Polaski Road and Green Road at a total estimated cost of $44,175.00 with the Posen Township share not to exceed $28,713.75.

Ayes: Bischer, Quaine, Catalano

A motion was made by Quaine (Bischer) to authorize expenses for Supt./Mgr and Foremen to attend the SAM (Superintendents Association of Michigan) Superintendent Seminar October 6-8, 2021 at Little River Casino, Manistee.

Ayes: Catalano, Bischer, Quaine

No action was taken on a requested ballot vote for incumbent Board Members of NMARC.

The next regular meetings of the Board of Road Commissioners will be Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

As there was no further business Chairman Catalano adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.