**Presque Isle County Road Commission**

**Minutes**

**August 4, 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 July 21, 2021 regular meeting as presented.

Ayes: All

***Approval of Agenda:***

A motion was made by Quaine (Bischer) to approve the agenda for August 4, 2021.

Ayes: All

***Accounts Payable:***

Motion by Quaine (Bischer) to approve the August 4, 2021 accounts payable in the amount of $235,835.74

Ayes: Quaine, Bischer, Catalano

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

* Road reconstruction update – East Grand Lake Road is getting its second course of asphalt today and should be finished. Nagel Highway is scheduled to be paved at a later date when 451 Highway is being done.
* Sealcoat update – remaining chip seal projects include Green Road/Alpena Road, .40 mile and the Village of Posen, 1.3 miles.
* Fog sealing is complete on the following roads: Long Lake, Bolton, Grand Lake Highway from Miller Road to US-23, Ocqueoc and North Allis.
* Brooming approximately 20 miles of seal coat every year is taking a toll on our farm tractors. Supt./Mgr would like to look into the purchase of a commercial type sweeper, getting prices for a good used one and possibly purchasing in 2022. Discussion was held regarding a sweeper located in Gaylord that might be available to purchase for $5,500.00.
* MacArthur Construction started the Co. Rd 451 project on Tuesday and is replacing culverts. Supt./Mgr presented photos of the various construction projects for the Board’s review.
* The Road Commission has been approached by Charles Austin, Chairman of Albany Pointe Committee regarding the possibility of the road commission accepting the association’s private roads into our road system and adding to our certified mileage. County Road Engineer Mark Straley and Supt./Mgr discussed this request. Supt./Mgr gave Mr. Austin a copy of the Road Commission’s Rules, Standards and Specifications for Plat Road Development (adopted 1970). Discussion was held and Supt./Mgr will report to the Board if any further developments occur.
* Al Pines is pursuing legal action against Duane Snow regarding the County deeded right of way that runs from the dead end of Baker Road to Ristow Highway. The 33’ right of way is all on Pines property. Mr. Snow has filled in wetlands and installed culverts within our right of way. Mr. Pines intends to contact EGLE regarding the wetlands violation. Supt./Mgr will keep Board apprised of new information as it is received.
* Supt./Mgr has been approached by Warren Creek residents in regards to a possible special assessment project to pave Warren Creek Highway. Supt./Mgr met with County Road Engineer Straley and Luke Golden (EGLE representative) at the road location to inspect the road width and right of way areas. A very minimal amount of wetlands would be impacted to allow for ten-foot lanes. Mr. Golden observed a couple of issues with residents filling in our right of way and wetlands. He will address these issues directly with the property owners. County Road Engineer Straley will be preparing a project estimate for the residents.
* Discussion was held regarding an encroachment issue on Parallel Avenue. The Road Commission is not going to move the road or change the right of way as it is a platted subdivision.
* Supt./Mgr would like to add Propane Plus as a vendor for Posen deliveries of fuel. Discussion was held.
* The mini CAT excavator we are renting for two months arrived Monday. It is being used today to clear beaver plugged culverts at Spile Dam and Warren Kowalewsky property on 441 Highway. With the mini excavator one man and a tag trailer is required versus two men and the low boy trailer for the big excavator. Next week it will be used on the state system for a rate of $867.40 per day.
* Truck tractor #9917 has all the rear suspension rusted out and we may not be able to get parts to repair the truck. I am getting a price from McVeigh’s to see if it is worth fixing. Discussion was held regarding the possible lease of a tractor for a three- or four-year period. Supt./Mgr will obtain some prices.

***Unfinished Business:***

None

***New Business:***

A motion was made by Bischer (Quaine) to authorize expenses for Commissioners, Supt./Mgr and Clerk to attend the Northern Association of Road Commissions Annual Conference in Traverse City September 15-17, 2021.

Ayes: Catalano, Bischer, Quaine

A motion was made by Quaine (Bischer) to authorize expenses for Commissioners to attend the Commissioner’s Conference in Traverse City, October 3-5, 2021.

Ayes: Quaine, Bischer, Catalano

A motion was made by Bischer (Quaine) to authorize Chairman Catalano and Clerk Wirgau to sign the Annual Certification of Employee-related Conditions certifying that Presque Isle County Road Commission is in compliance with PA 152 of 2011.

Ayes: Catalano, Bischer, Quaine

The next regular meetings of the Board of Road Commissioners will be Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

As there was no further business Chairman Catalano adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.