**Presque Isle County Road Commission**

**Minutes**

**February 16, 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

**Excused:** Thomas Catalano

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

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

***Minutes***

A motion was made by Quaine (Bischer) to approve minutes from February 2, 2022 meeting as presented.

Ayes: All

***Accounts Payable:***

Motion by Quaine (Bischer) to approve the February 16, 2022 accounts payable in the amount of $161,124.40

Ayes: Bischer, Quaine

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

* Ocqueoc Rd has been reinstated for our force account project this year and North Allis was put on the illustrative list.
* R. S. Scott has prepared the Rural Task Force Data sheets and signed our projects through 2026. Supt./Mgr believes the order of Federal Aid projects will work well with our county projects scheduled.
* The public hearing for the Woods condo project was conducted Tuesday, February 15, 2022. The Road Commission was represented well by County Road Engineer Straley and our letter of support was read.
* Discussion was held regarding the three options (quotes) for a hose machine for the Posen garage. No action was taken at this time.
* We have received the wing for #0809 which was damaged at the Ocqueoc Falls bridge. Additionally, the directional wing ordered last January was also picked up from Truck & Trailer.
* Rotating tips for our summer blades are almost unavailable. I doubled our normal order and had to go to two different companies to obtain them. Supt./Mgr purchased 540 from Ironhawk for $6.08 each and 500 from Winter Supply for $7.53 each. Truck and Trailer price is $9.33 each.
* Oscoda County approved a covid pay bonus for essential workers, they gave the Road commission $2,000.00 for each full-time employee and $1,000.00 for each part time employee. Currently we have twenty-seven full time and three part-time employees.
* Alpena Overhead Door will be providing a quote for the shop garage door in Rogers City.
* James Wolgast and Luke Maerz have been painting the walls and ceiling at the Onaway garage. Greatly improved the appearance of the garage.
* Discussion was held regarding pickup # 0802. Clerk was instructed to place a classified ad for sealed bids on it.
* Flooring has been purchased for the lunchroom at cost of $2,170.39. Glen Smolinski will install for $2,015.00 He was the only one who provided a quote out of the three that were contacted.
* Diesel Freaks (Gaylord) is expanding into Bobcat equipment sales with a new name of M-32 Enterprises. They are also a Michigan MiDeal distributor and we will have the option of obtaining State of Michigan pricing from them on mini excavator, skid steer accessories, mowing tractors, etc.
* Supt./Mgr will be starting employee agreement talks with the crew in early March. Supt./Mgr asked them to prepare a proposal for the March 16, 2022 meeting.
* Jacob Yarch from the Rogers City crew is back to work after his leg injury with no restrictions. Our part time employee Caleb Bade has been very beneficial to us during Jacob’s time off. His ability to drive a plow truck and run various pieces of equipment has been very helpful in keeping operations on schedule.

***Unfinished Business:***

Commissioner Quaine advised that the 53rd Circuit Court case (TMN Properties vs. Konarzewski) pertaining to the dead end of County Rd 441, Metz Twp, Section 34/35 was still in progress. Discussion was held regarding the Road Commission deeded right of way and possible court outcomes.

***New Business:***

The Presque Isle County Road Commission Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) accounting report prepared by Watkins Ross was reviewed and discussed. Due to placing additional funds in the MERS Trust plan our liability was reduced 33% in 2021 from $2,091,708.00 to $1,265,562.00. Clerk Wirgau advised we will continue to be under a corrective action plan with the Michigan Department of Treasury until our funding level reaches 40% in 2027.

Supt./Mgr Kowalski has been negotiating with AIS Construction Equipment Company regarding the purchase of a used 2014 Royce Broom unit. The unit has 2,000 hours on it, sixty-day warranty with free delivery for $39,500.00. Discussion was held.

A motion was made by Quaine (Bischer) to purchase the used 2014 Royce Broom from AIS for $39,500.00

Ayes: Bischer, Quaine

The next regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was set by Chairman Bischer for Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

As there was no further business Chairman Bischer adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.