**Presque Isle County Road Commission**

**Minutes**

**February 2, 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:** Thomas Catalano, Ronald Bischer, Norman Quaine

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

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

***Minutes***

 A motion was made by Catalano (Quaine) to approve minutes from January 19, 2022 meeting as presented.

 Ayes: All

***Agenda:***

 A motion was made by Catalano (Quaine) to approve agenda.

 Ayes: All

 ***Accounts Payable:***

 Motion by Quaine (Catalano) to approve the February 2, 2022 accounts payable in the amount of $166, 16.84

 Ayes: Bischer, Quaine, Catalano

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

* Mechanic Daren Elowsky update: tendon in his arm was ruptured and he has healed quickly. Back to work with no restrictions.
* Supt./Mgr, Commissioner Quaine and County Road Engineer Mark Straley met with Allan Berg on site regarding the relocation of Lost Lake Road through his property. R.S. Scott & Associates will be preparing a new set of plans. If Mr. Berg and the Road Commission are satisfied a Public Hearing will be held to accept comments on the new location and plan.
* The Rogers City lunchroom floor is in need of replacement. The carpet is worn and cannot be cleaned. Supt./Mgr showed the Board a water proof, heavy wear flooring sample which would be easy to clean. Supt./Mgr will obtain a couple of price quotes from contractors.
* Crews have been cutting trees when not plowing snow.
* A discussion was held regarding the replacement of the main shop north garage door. The door is uninsulated and in need of replacement. Supt./Mgr will get estimate(s) before moving forward.
* A patrol wing plow on an Onaway truck was damaged beyond repair last Thursday. The driver did not lift his wing at the bridge on Ocqueoc Falls Highway. Damage to the bridge was cosmetic only. The plan is to order the new wing now so we might get it for the 2023 season. Truck & Trailer estimate for the new wing is: $5,200.00
* The 2019 MDOT audit of State Maintenance contract billings is complete. The Road Commission will be getting a refund of $21,763.00
* The Posen garage crew has been asking for a hydraulic hose machine for several years. When they have a failure on the weekends it would be beneficial for them to have the ability to make a new hose themselves. Kimball Midwest can set up a machine in Posen for $4,320.76. Commissioner Catalano asked Supt./Mgr to get a couple of other quotes.
* Our cost share has changed for the 451 (Ristow to Wenzel, 2.1 miles) project from $129,761.00 to $233,206.00, an increase of $103,445.00. The error was made R.S. Scott & Associates when they did not increase the construction cost last fall when the length of the project was increased. To help cover the increased cost the Supt./Mgr moved the seal coat project on 638 west 4 miles of Hawks to the year 2024 and made it a Force Account project which reduces the overall cost of the sealcoat & fog project. 638 Hwy is in good condition and postponing the sealcoat should not affect the roadway adversely.
* R.S. Scott & Associates got the Ocqueoc Road and North Allis Highway force account projects switched. Mark Straley is trying to get it corrected but we may be required to do North Allis this year as a Force Account project.
* Onaway employee James Wolgast is on light duty due to an off duty hand injury. He is working on painting the interior of the Onaway garage.
* Final numbers are in for the 2021 MTF. We received $453,441 more dollars than last year. Total funds were $5,012,795.00, approximately $200,000 higher than the CRA estimate for 2021. Part of the reason the December payment was higher was due to marijuana tax revenue and a MDOT adjustment from November.
* 2021 Revenues were higher than budgeted at $7,406,673.27 with expenditures equaling $6,882,130.54 for a net positive addition to fund balance of $524,542.73.
* Michigan is adopting the federal standard for CDL License holders before October 2022. The new standard requires 160 hours of training prior to the issuance of the CDL license.
* Supt./Mgr apprised the Board what happened as to why our surrounding counties are not bonding any roads this weight restriction season. After last year’s logging meeting in March a verbal agreement was reached to have Road Commissions provide loggers with all season road routes and loggers to notify the Road Commission when they are coming into their county to work. Emmet County had zero cooperation from loggers and had a road destroyed stranding a couple of residents. There is considerable talk from the logging industry to revisit Senate Bill 396 which gives them unlimited access to county road systems without permits. Supt./Mgr has a call into our attorney Bill Henn to see if we can allow only Presque Isle County companies to operate during the weight restriction season as was suggested by Commissioner Catalano.

***Unfinished Business:***

 None

***New Business:***

 A motion was made by Catalano (Quaine) authorizing the issuance of a Presque Isle County Road Commission credit card to Richard Price from Awakon Credit Union.

 Ayes: Bischer, Quaine, Catalano

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

 As there was no further business Chairman Bischer adjourned the meeting at 9:22 a.m.