**Presque Isle County Road Commission**

**Minutes**

**June 1, 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,Thomas Catalano

**Excused:** Norman Quaine

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

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

***Minutes:***

A motion was made by Catalano (Bischer) to approve minutes from May 18, 2022 regular meeting as presented.

Ayes: All

***Accounts Payable:***

A motion was made by Catalano (Bischer) to approve the June 1, 2022 accounts payable in the amount of $123,948.90

Ayes: Catalano, Bischer

***Bid Opening:***

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| **2022** | | | |
| ***Bid Opening*** | | | |
| ***Hauling Aggregate Stone - 29A*** | | | |
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| **Vendor** | **Haul Location** |  | **Price per Ton** |
| Goodrich Trucking | Cheboygan Plains/Ocqueoc road |  | $ 8.45 |
|  | Silver Creek snowmobile parking lot |  | 7.65 |
|  | Posen Rd Commission garage |  | $ 5.45 |
|  | Rogers City Rd Commission garage |  | $ 5.45 |
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| Alpena Aggregate | Cheboygan Plains/Ocqueoc road |  | $ 10.15 |
|  | Silver Creek snowmobile parking lot |  | $ 9.85 |
|  | Posen Rd Commission garage |  | $ 7.25 |
|  | Rogers City Rd Commission garage |  | $ 7.35 |

A motion was made by Catalano (Bischer) to accept all bids and award all hauling to Goodrich Trucking for a total cost of $73,632.50.

Ayes: Catalano, Bischer

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

* Supt./Mgr contacted all commissioners regarding the additional purchase of a hydraulic thumb for the Bobcat #50 mini excavator on order. New purchase price is $71,015.60.
* Discussion was held regarding the Fuhrman property at 7138 Grand Point Road. Supt./Mgr has received a request from an attorney to possibly quit claim deed a small area of land owned by the Road Commission to them. The road was relocated many years ago and the right of way was not deeded back to property owners impacted. Requesting party will be instructed to provide a description and survey of the land in question.
* The Airport Road culvert replacement is complete.
* An invitation to bid and specifications have been mailed out for a new tandem truck. The quote request also asks for the lead time for delivery. Bid opening will be July 20, 2022.
* Discussion was held regarding Fireside Highway resident Brian Blanton. The Road Commission is not going to perform any further work at the property.
* The Village of Millersburg is requesting an estimate for sealcoat and fog seal within the village limits. They will be paying entire cost.
* Commissioner’s Handbook Training has been scheduled for June 20, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room if anyone is interested.
* Supt./Mgr updated the Board on the status of the Transportation Asset Management Plan being created by Josh Jobin of R.S. Scott & Associates in conjunction with Supt./Mgr and Roadsoft data input.
* Discussion was held regarding the mechanics job duties and hourly wage. Moved to New Business for further action.
* Supt./Mgr has received a request from Posen Township for an estimate for paving on Long Lake Highway west of M-65, 2 miles of local road. Supt./Mgr split the estimates as the second portion needs more work. Commissioner Catalano is not in favor of paving a local gravel road when other local roads have been turned back to gravel. Further discussion was held.
* The April MTF is $410,471.27 and is $12,324.59 less than last year’s amount.
* Bolan Asphalt Paving will be doing the Wenzel Highway overlay on Thursday, June 2, 2022.
* Supt./Mgr provided the Board with correspondence received from Blaise Ryan, attorney for Charles Konarzewski. The dead end of County Road 441 has been the subject of circuit court action in TMN Properties v. Charles Konarzewski (Case No. 21-003274-CH). Mr. Ryan is requesting action by the Road Commission to resolve the issue. Discussion was held with no action taken.

***Unfinished Business:***

Supt./Mgr informed the Board that employee contract negotiations are complete and settlement has been reached for a three year contract which includes: .85/.65/.60 in wage increases, heavy equipment operator increase of .25 (.50 cent more than operator), additional $50.00 per year into Health Care Savings Plan and one day paid leave for birth of a child.

A motion was made by Catalano (Bischer) to enter a three-year agreement with Employee’s Association for a period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025.

Supt./Mgr revisited the Highland Pines project noting the project total cost would be approximately $239,500.00 with Presque Isle Township contributing $50,000.00 towards this primary road project. 3.3 miles would be the length of the project with a 1.40 mile overlay and the entire 3.3 miles seal coated and fog sealed. Discussion was held with Chairman Bischer stating he is not in favor of the project. Matter tabled until site roadway inspection can be done by Commissioners.

***New Business:***

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Catalano and supported by Commissioner Bischer:

*RESOLUTION 2022-07*

***Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Presque Isle County Road Commission to support House Bill No. 6023***

WHEREAS, accessibility to natural resources such as gravel and sand is imperative to the preservation and maintenance of Michigan’s road infrastructure, And

WHEREAS, County Road Commission funding gaps limit purchasing power and producing significant supplies of such aggregates, And

WHEREAS, it is the intent of House Bill No. 6023 as introduced to assist in eliminating royalty fees for use of state-owned land by county road commissions, And

WHEREAS, it is the intent of House Bill No. 6023 as introduced to assist in making such natural resources fiscally available to road commissions to aid in the preservation and maintenance of Michigan’s road infrastructure, And

WHEREAS, Presque Isle County Road Commission supports House Bill No. 6023 as introduced and amended under Section 502 subsection (5), And

WHEREAS, the amended Section 502 subsection (5) states, “The department shall not charge a state department or local unit of government in this state, including, but not limited to, a county road commission, a royalty for taking gravel and sand from state owned land, And

THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, The Presque Isle County Road Commission strongly supports passage of House Bill No. 6023.

THIS RESOLUTION is effective this date, with all present Commissioners voting affirmatively.

Adopted Ayes: Bischer, Catalano

Nays: None

A motion was made by Catalano (Bischer) to authorize expenses for Supt./Mgr to attend the Annual MCRCSIP meeting in Mt. Pleasant on July 20-21, 2022.

Ayes: Catalano, Bischer

A motion was made by Catalano (Bischer) to reclassify both mechanics into one classification and one pay scale with Supt./Mgr Kowalski to provide supervision and discipline as necessary.

Ayes: Catalano, Bischer

Chairman Bischer set the next regular meeting for Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

Chairman Bischer adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.