**Presque Isle County Road Commission**

**Minutes**

**June 16, 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, Devin Pommerenke, Charles Konarzewski

***Minutes:***

A motion was made by Bischer (Quaine) to approve minutes from June 2, 2021 regular meeting as presented.

Ayes: All

***Approval of Agenda:***

A motion was made by Quaine (Bischer) to approve the agenda for June 16, 2021.

Ayes: All

***Accounts Payable:***

Motion by Quaine (Bischer) to approve the June 16, 2021 accounts payable in the amount of $108,261.52

Ayes: Catalano, Bischer, Quaine

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

* Rental fee for a mini excavator for the month of August is going to be $3,150.00 for a 160-hour work month. Currently we have two projects scheduled for the machine. If we had one, we could have rented to MDOT for the TWA project for $813.30 per day.
* Supt./Mgr and Foremen met with our regional MDOT representative Eric Precord regarding work on the state system, when and if we have time. There is $100,000.00 available for ditching, culvert end replacement, tree removal and other maintenance tasks.
* Larry Haselhuhn has been hired for summer work at the Posen garage, he started Monday.
* The new replacement brine pump has been ordered at a cost of $2,957.14. The old motor is being rebuilt and Graham is looking for parts.
* Supt./Mgr received a request from the hourly employees to allow wearing of uniform style work shorts (Dickies or Wrangler cargo) for certain types of job duties. Chairman Catalano asked Supt./Mgr to check with our insurance pool (MCRCSIP) to see if it is permissible.
* The New Holland tractor is back in Rogers City from Don’s Ford.
* Crews are still brining roads and putting some gravel down where needed.
* Just a note of interest, one of the Onaway summer help (Gage Northrop) is licensed under the Road Commission to trap beaver at trouble spots and has caught six this month.
* The Black Lake Boat ramp improvement project has been completed.
* As of Monday all the townships are paid up with project amounts that were spread over a couple of years.
* Supt./Mgr has started the EGLE permit for the Long Lake Boat ramp improvement project located at the end of Shore Street at the waters edge. The Long Lake Association will be paying for all material and permit costs. We may provide some in kind labor.
* MDOT has agreed to pay for the reconstruction of the US-23 and Nagel highway intersection in conjunction with the crush and shape paving of Nagel Highway this summer. New curbing will be installed which will solve a water pooling issue that has existed for years. Changing the angle of the intersection will aid drivers in seeing southbound traffic on US-23. Discussion was held with MDOT regarding the reconstruction of the US-23/Town Hall intersection as well.

***Visitor:***

Attorney Devin Pommerenke and Charles Konarzewski appeared before the board regarding an ownership/road right of way issue at the end of County Road 441 in Metz Township, Sections 34 and 35. Mr. Pommerenke represents Charles Konarzewski, Raymond Konarzewski and James Kruczynski in a civil law suit filed to resolve the disputed ownership of property with TMN Properties, LLC named as the defendant.

The Road Commission has had several telephone calls from Mary Cummings of TMN Properties and the Supt./Mgr and Commissioners have inspected the area in question. It was noted that large poles have been installed within the county road right of way by Konarzewskis. Chairman Catalano stated they have to be removed as to remain consistent with the Road Commission Encroachment Policy. A survey of the Konarzewski property was reviewed and lengthy discussion ensued.

The Board thanked Mr. Pommerenke and Mr. Konarzewski for attending the meeting. No board action was taken and Mr. Pommerenke will inform the Road Commission of the outcome of the lawsuit.

***Unfinished Business:***

Supt./Mgr Kowalski updated the Board on the status of the employee negotiations and has the following proposed items for Board approval. One year contract, .80 per hour pay raise and an increase to the employee individual Health Care Savings Plan (HCSP) from $550 to $600 per year ($50 increase).

A motion was made by Quaine (Bischer) to enter a one-year contract with the Employee Association to include .80 per hour pay raise and an increase of $50 to the employee HCSP account from $550 to $600 per year.

Ayes: Quaine, Bischer, Catalano

***New Business:***

A motion was made by Quaine (Bischer) to authorize expenses for Supt./Mgr and Commissioners to attend the MCRCSIP/CRASIF Annual Meeting in Mt. Pleasant July 21-22, 2021.

Ayes: Catalano, Bischer, Quaine

A motion was made by Catalano (Bischer) to cast an affirmative vote for Robert Laitinen for an At Large position on the MCRCSIP Board of Directors.

Ayes: All

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

*RESOLUTION 2021-08*

***Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Presque Isle County Road Commission to enter MDOT Contract # 21-5286***

WHEREAS, there has been presented to this meeting a desire of the Commissioners of Presque Isle County Road Commission to enter a contract between Presque Isle Road Commission and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).

WHEREAS, this Board has reviewed the Contract # 21-5286 and finds it is in the best interest and to the benefit of the Presque Isle County Road Commission to enter into such a contract to chip seal and fog seal along Long Lake Highway from Smigelski road to Shubert Road; and all together with necessary related work.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that Supt./Mgr David Kowalski of the Presque Isle County Road Commission is authorized to digitally sign and execute such documents, in the name and on behalf of this County Road Commission.

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

Adopted Ayes: Catalano, Bischer, Quaine

Nays: None

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

*RESOLUTION 2021-09*

***Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Presque Isle County Road Commission to enter MDOT Contract # 21-5285***

WHEREAS, there has been presented to this meeting a desire of the Commissioners of Presque Isle County Road Commission to enter a contract between Presque Isle Road Commission and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).

WHEREAS, this Board has reviewed the Contract # 21-5285 and finds it is in the best interest and to the benefit of the Presque Isle County Road Commission to enter into such a contract to chip seal and fog seal along Bolton Road from south county line to Long lake Highway; and all together with necessary related work.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that Supt./Mgr David Kowalski of the Presque Isle County Road Commission is authorized to digitally sign and execute such documents, in the name and on behalf of this County Road Commission.

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

Adopted Ayes: Quaine, Bischer, Catalano

Nays: None

The next regular meetings of the Board of Road Commissioners will be Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

As there was no further business Chairman Catalano adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.