**Presque Isle County Road Commission**

**Minutes**

**June 2, 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

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

**Virtual:** Commissioner Norman Quaine

**Visitors:** John Chappa – Presque Isle County Commissioner, Sandy Broughman – Case Township resident

***Minutes:***

A motion was made by Bischer (Quaine) to approve minutes from May 19, 2021 regular meeting as presented.

Ayes: All

***Approval of Agenda:***

A motion was made by Bischer (Quaine) to approve the agenda for June 2, 2021.

Ayes: All

***Accounts Payable:***

Motion by Bischer (Catalano) to approve the June 2, 2021 accounts payable in the amount of $116,746.22

Ayes: Bischer, Catalano, Quaine

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

* Township Supervisor packets have been compiled and sent out. Some of the information included was on our Brine Policy, Act 51 report and scheduled 2021 road projects.
* Two the Posen crew have been building map cases for MDOT, this is a $20,000.00 TWA.
* Supt./Mgr met with Emergency Planning Commission representatives and discussed how we need to work together with road closure information. They requested to be informed of partial lane closures as it helps them direct local EMS services.
* A preconstruction meeting for the 451 project (Claus to Hawks Hwy) was held. MacArthur wants to begin construction on August 1, 2021. It was highly recommended by Supt./Mgr, County Road Engineer Mark Straley and Construction Supervisor Glen Smolinski of R.S. Scott & Associates that MacArthur start sooner to make the August 31, 2021 deadline.
* Culverts were ordered and delivered for the Grand Lake Hwy (west of M-65) culvert replacement. Cost was $3,842.00 for the six culverts and bands.
* Supt./Mgr met with the Foremen on May 26, 2021 and discussed upcoming projects and scheduled equipment usage to priority projects.
* County maps – last printing was 2011. Currently we have 5 boxes (175 in box) left in inventory. Looking to start the process of reprinting in the spring of 2022 as it takes approximately one year to complete the project. A quote in the amount of $9,930.00 has been received. Cost sharing with other agencies that obtain the maps from the Road Commission was discussed. Clerk Wirgau was directed to look up previous cost for printing.
* Brine application has begun in most of Allis Twp, majority of Belknap, Lake May and Hawks Hwy. The loading pump at the storage tanks has failed again. A-1 does not have any documentation of owning the pump or the holding tanks. Supt./Mgr in the process of purchasing an electric motor for the pump at an approximate cost of $1,000.00. Checking into the cost of purchasing a reconditioned pump to have an extra on standby.
* The Long Lake Association is seeking permission to improve the boat ramp at the end of Parallel Road on Long Lake. They want to install concrete skids. The Road Commission would obtain the EGLE permit as it is our ROW and possibly set the slabs for them. The association will pay for all material costs.
* As directed by the Board, Supt./Mgr obtained a price quote from another dealership for the hydraulic pump recently installed in tractor # 0117. Don’s Ford price was $6,597.32 and the quote received from Williards Equipment was $6,866.00. Discussion was held.
* We have received a refund from CRASIF (Workmen’s compensation insurance pool) in the amount of $9,014.08 and an invoice discount of $5,908.49, totaling $14,922.57 in savings.

***Visitor:***

Mr. Sandy Broughman appeared before the Board to request support for the replacement of several trout stream culverts using funding from the American Rescue Act of 2021 (Covid Act). Mr. Broughman presented a list of seven potential infrastructure project locations from the Huron Pines road/stream crossing inventory data. Four of the projects listed have already been identified as possible projects by Presque Isle County Road Commission in conjunction with Huron Pines. Mr. Broughman stated one option would be to buy the culverts and install with Road Commission personnel. The other option could be hiring the work out.

Discussion was held regarding the number and locations of trout stream culvert crossings the Road Commission has already done working with Huron Pines. It was noted that the County would have to provide money from the 2.4 million American Rescue Act funds they are scheduled to receive (half this year, balance in 2022).

The Board thanked Mr. Broughman for bringing his advocacy request to the Road Commission and stated they are in support of efforts to keep our trout streams in the county in good condition.

***Unfinished Business:***

Supt./Mgr Kowalski updated the Board on the status of the employee negotiations and stated he believes they are close to an agreement.

Supt./Mgr Kowalski presented the Board with a worksheet with quotes for a mini excavator between 10,000 – 14,000 lbs. Lengthy discussion was held. Commissioner Bischer is not in favor of the Road Commission purchasing a mini excavator as he does not believe it is needed. Supt./Mgr clarified with the Board that the tractor at Don’s Ford was to be returned to the shop here for repairs when time allows. Additionally, he was instructed to get some rental rates for a mini excavator.

***New Business:***

Correspondence from Michigan Department of Treasury was reviewed. Presque Isle County Road Commission is in compliance with filed Corrective Action Plans for Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB- health insurance) and MERS retirement plan.

The next regular meetings of the Board of Road Commissioners will be Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

As there was no further business Chairman Catalano adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.