**Presque Isle County Road Commission**

**Minutes**

**May 14, 2024**

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:** Norman Quaine, Thomas Catalano, Robert Macomber

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

**Visitors:** Clifford Tollini-Presque Isle County Commissioner, Chris Bednark, Chris Nelson

***Minutes:***

A motion was made by Macomber (Quaine) to approve minutes from May 1, 2024 regular meeting.

Ayes: All

***Accounts Payable:***

A motion was made by Quaine (Macomber) to approve the May 14, 2024 accounts payable in the amount of $240,134.33

Ayes: Catalano, Macomber, Quaine

***Visitors:***

Chris Bednark and Chris Nelson, residents of S. Ocqueoc Road, appeared before the Board to request maintenance work on S. Ocqueoc Road. Discussion was held regarding Act 51 of 1951 funding requirements for local roads, the current 65%/35% cost share policy, composition of current road surface and truck traffic from transmission line construction. Mr. Nelson had concerns about the road continuing to be maintained after Case Township decided not to sealcoat/fog after receiving an estimate from Supt./Mgr Kowalski. Chairman Catalano reassured Mr. Nelson maintenance will continue as to provide safety for the motoring public. Mr. Bednark specifically asked for pot hole filling and durapatching. Supt./Mgr stated the Road Commission will have a crew member out to take care of the potholes and durapatch as time allows.

Mr. Bednark and Mr. Nelson thanked the Board and left the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

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

• Supt./Mgr met with Allan Berg and a representative from his engineering firm, Wade Trim, to review concerns on the proposed Lost Lake Road relocation project plans. Wade Trim will correct the issues and return to the Road Commission. Mr. Berg was advised of the procedure for acceptance and abandonment of a relocated road.

• Supt./Mgr updated the Board on the status of the 638 Highway construction project. Pavement is done and shoulder gravel is being installed.

• Supt./Mgr updated the Board on the status of the Highland Pines reconstruction project. The pavement was finished yesterday and shoulder gravel will be installed soon.

• Gravel for the 638 and Hackett Lake Perma-zyme projects is being hauled and stockpiled close to the projects. 23A gravel is being purchased from Rieth-Riley at the Afton pit.

• Bolen Asphalt Paving has advised Supt./Mgr the Lake Nettie Road overlay will be a fall project. Supt./Mgr believes this will be beneficial for the residents.

• Supt./Mgr provided an update on the 451 Hwy (Wenzel to US-23) reconstruction project. Clearance has been received for the NEPA environmental studies. This section of road has historical significance and the engineered plans were amended to fit within guidelines. Supt./Mgr believes the letting will occur in August and the project may or may not be done this year.

• RT Farms & Excavating is moving equipment and will be crushing our gravel soon. When a sample is available Supt./Mgr will have it tested for quality assurance.

• Pine Lumber has delivered the cold storage building materials to Onaway and Posen locations. The cost was $1,206.46 more than previously authorized. Item moved to Old Business

The Rogers City building is up and ready to be roofed.

• Previous summer employee, Deegan Felax, has an interest in working in the shop in addition to working with the Rogers City road crew. Deegan has been working for a truck repair facility. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of training a mechanic inhouse as our two mechanics will be retiring in two years. Supt./Mgr will revisit the situation in the fall.

• As an informational item, Northcott Excavating has been paid $718,562.20 since August, 2011.

• The March MTF is down 0.9% from last year’s March MTF.

• Supt./Mgr is working with R.S. Scott & Associates to create plans for the US-23/Airport Highway intersection. The project would be paid for by MDOT and we would do the construction work. Would like to get Airport Highway paved in early summer if possible.

• Lengthy discussion was held regarding Steven Riesner’s request for Supt./Mgr to approach Ferndale Cadillac Products about the right of way, the trailers parked in the right of way and possible options.

• The Birch Road fence encroachment in Manitou Shores subdivision was discussed.

• Succession plans for Rogers City Foreman and Supt./Mgr were discussed.

***Unfinished Business:***

A motion was made by Quaine (Macomber) to authorize additional purchase of $1,206.46 from Pine Lumber for sidewalls for the cold storage buildings.

Ayes: Macomber, Catalano, Quaine

***New Business:***

Clerk Wirgau reviewed the 2023 Financial audit performed by Berthiaume & Company. There were no exceptions or findings in the audit. Several pages of the Act 51 report were discussed and the 2023 final budget was reviewed.

A motion was made by Quaine (Macomber) to accept the audit and authorize Chairman Catalano to sign the attest cover sheet.

Ayes: Catalano, Macomber, Quaine.

The next scheduled meetings of the Presque Isle County Road Commission are set for Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Catalano adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.



