**Presque Isle County Road Commission**

**Minutes**

**May 18, 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,Norman Quaine, Thomas Catalano

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

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

***Minutes:***

A motion was made by Catalano (Quaine) to approve minutes from May 4, 2022 regular meeting as presented.

Ayes: All

***Accounts Payable:***

A motion was made by Quaine (Catalano) to approve the May 18, 2022 accounts payable in the amount of $170685.76

Ayes: Bischer, Quaine, Catalano

***Bid Opening:***



A motion was made by Catalano (Quaine) to accept bids and award Bolen Asphalt the bid in the amount of $55,627.50.

Ayes: Bischer, Catalano, Quaine

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

* Discussion of Rainy River Bridge reconstruction project by MDOT. We did receive a request from Allis township to update and use 638 Highway and South Porter as the detour.

Supt./Mgr gave an informational sheet to the Board detailing pros and cons of this proposed detour route. Moran Iron Works and MDOT are very interested in the shorter route. Project costs and cost share amounts from the Township and Road Commission will be the deciding factors in determining the detour route. Supt./Mgr has requested an estimate from R.S. Scott for the paving of 638 Highway and overlay of S. Porter Road.

* Posen Township has requested Elm Highway (from M-65 to the end of the asphalt) be seal coated and fogged. Estimated total project cost is $30,373.00 with Posen Township cost sharing amount to be $19,742.45 and Road Commission amount to be $10,630.55
* Presque Isle Township is willing to contribute $50,000.00 towards the Highland Pines project. Road Commission cost is estimated to be $189,000.00. The project includes an overlay and seal and fog.
* Supt./Mgr would like to start the process of ordering a new truck as it will be one to two years for delivery.
* Supt./Mgr has obtained two quotes for a mini excavator:

Michigan CAT: 305 model, 11,000 lbs machine, 52 weeks to delivery $81,784.68

Bobcat: E-50 model, 11,000 lbs machine, 8 weeks to delivery $67,887.00

* The rental rate for the CAT 305 is now $2,500.00 per month and the Bobcat rental rate is $3,200.00 per month
* Rumble strips were installed at the North Allis and M-211 intersection on Monday.
* Posen Foreman and Supt./Mgr would like to add North Grand Lake Highway (M-65 to Polaski Road) to the seal and fog list for this year. Approximate cost of $70,000.00
* Discussion of possible policy regarding wearing of shorts by employees and CRASIF response to inquiry about it.
* Supt./Mgr has obtained quotes for a culvert order. We had over 50 culverts fail this spring. Mostly 15” to 18” diameter size. St. Regis was low quote at $49,920.00 for the 3,000 feet of culvert and bands needed.
* Supt./Mgr gave the Board and visitor a list of proposed seal and fog projects and asphalt construction projects planned for this year. Not included on the lists are gravel work we may be doing. Possible gravel installation sites include Town Hall, 634 (Pepper Hill), Noffze Hwy (pull shoulders and reshape) and Hawks Highway (pull shoulders and reshape)

***Unfinished Business:***

Employee contract negotiations were discussed. Supt./Mgr will take the proposed final items to the employee group for approval.

Commissioner Catalano is preparing specifications for a bid proposal for timber sales at the Miller gravel pit and the Case Township gravel pit properties. Additionally, he will mark the property line at Miller Road pit and individually paint the trees to be select cut at the Case Twp property.

A motion was made by Catalano (Quaine) to purchase a Bobcat mini excavator from M-32 Enterprises at a purchase price of $67,887.00.

Ayes: Bischer, Quaine, Catalano

***New Business:***

A motion was made by Catalano (Quaine) to add Grand Lake Highway from M-65 to Polaski Road to the seal coat list for 2022 at an approximate cost of $70,000.00

Ayes: Catalano, Quaine, Bischer

Clerk Wirgau presented the 2021 Act 51 Report, 2021 Financial Audit and 2021 Final Budget for review and acceptance. There were no exceptions with the audit.

A motion was made by Catalano (Quaine) to accept the 2021 audit, adopt the final budget and authorize Chairman Bischer to sign the Act 51 Report attest sheet.

Ayes: Bischer, Catalano, Quaine

A motion was made by Catalano (Quaine) to advertise for bids to haul 29a stone to various locations within the county with bids to be opened Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Ayes: Bischer, Quaine, Catalano

Chairman Bischer set the next regular meeting for Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

Chairman Bischer adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.