**Presque Isle County Road Commission**

**Minutes**

**November 17, 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

***Minutes:***

A motion was made by Quaine (Bischer) to approve minutes from November 3, 2021 regular meeting.

Ayes: All

***Approval of Agenda:***

A motion was made by Quaine (Bischer) to approve the agenda for November 17, 2021.

Ayes: All

***Accounts Payable:***

Motion by Quaine (Bischer) to approve the November 17, 2021 accounts payable in the amount of $119,287.88.

Ayes: Quaine, Bischer, Catalano

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

* Supt./Mgr received request for additional signage at intersection of M-211 and N. Allis Highway. Traffic is not stopping or slowing down and occasionally running the stop sign and traveling across M-211 Highway. Discussion was held regarding MDOT involvement, dual stop signs, stop ahead signs and rumble strips. Supt./Mgr also showed photo of new product – solar powered stop signs with flashing red illumination.

Supt./Mgr was asked to get prices for rumble strips.

* Road Commission has received a request for a variance on Parallel Ave for a fence extension. Discussion was held and photos of the area in question were reviewed.
* Rogers City Jacob Yarch broke his leg above the ankle when a beaver screen tipped over and struck him. He will be off at least until the January 1, 2022. Retiree Mark Ellenberger has mentioned he may be interested in working some to help out.
* The three 2022 GMC pickups for the foremen have arrived and are being fitted out.
* All but one small section of snow fence is installed.
* The Posen crew has been doing some MDOT work at the Warren Creek/US-23 intersection. The Rogers City crew recently completed a guardrail job on US-23 near Hentkowski Forest Products.
* Our hired trapper is doing well, 8 beavers, 2 otter and 14 muskrats in 10 days.
* Supt./Mgr showed the Board photos of the repairs done on the Bolton Bridge approaches using hot mix for an approximate cost of $560.00.

***Unfinished Business:***

Discussion was held regarding 1.5 miles of chip seal done in 2019 on E. Metz Hwy (east of M-65). This is a township line and each township contributed to the project. The chips are not adhering to the road surface. Supt./Mgr Kowalski believes it was caused by wet and/or dirty chips being used when the project was done. Supt./Mgr would like to re-do this section in 2022 and have the cost be part of our local maintenance budget. The Board was in agreement that the road surface should be chip sealed and fogged to correct the issue.

Supt./Mgr Kowalski discussed the latest Covid protocol update received from MCRCSIP on November 12, 2021. Discussion was held regarding the Employer paying emergency covid pay. Board consensus was to allow on a case-by-case basis with the emergency pay available to vaccinated employees.

Discussion was held regarding sand hauled from an undeveloped road and lot in Manitou Shores Subdivision. The property owner donated the sand to the Road Commission. Commissioner Bischer would like the Board apprised of this type of activity on private property prior to it occurring so if anyone calls a Commissioner they are aware of the project. Discussion was held regarding the K of C sand pit and possible sand from Carmeuse.

***New Business:***

Discussion was held regarding a request from the mechanics for salary increases for the next three years. Supt./Mgr will discuss the Board’s counter offer with them.

Chairman Catalano set the next regular meetings of the Board of Road Commissioners for Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

As there was no further business Chairman Catalano adjourned the meeting at 9:43 a.m.