**Presque Isle County Road Commission**

**Minutes**

**September 1, 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, Virginia Pierce

***Visitor:***

Virginia Pierce, resident of Case Township, appeared before the Board to express concerns about runoff from 634 Highway flowing into Kelsey Lake. Previously the Road Commission had installed a section of rip rap to filter the water flow and prevent silt from entering the lake. Ms. Pierce stated the silt is still entering the lake. She also asked why this is happening at all when prior to the last four or five years it did not happen.

Commissioner Bischer stated routine maintenance includes removal of “country curbs” and in this case the water had previously laid on the road creating a large pool on the road surface. When the shoulders were leveled the water was able to travel down the hill and eventually into the lake.

Supt./Mgr Kowalski suggested a couple of items to aid in the run off issue. He suggested more large (6”) rock be installed increasing the length and the creation of a berm to slow the water down, giving it more time to filter through the rock. Discussion was held.

Ms. Pierce said she appreciated the Board’s attention to this matter and left the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

***Minutes:***

A motion was made by Bischer (Quaine) to approve minutes from August 18, 2021 regular meeting.

Ayes: All

***Approval of Agenda:***

A motion was made by Quaine (Bischer) to approve the agenda for September 1, 2021.

Ayes: All

***Accounts Payable:***

Motion by Quaine (Bischer) to approve the September 1, 2021 accounts payable in the amount of $509,587.11

Ayes: Catalano, Bischer, Quaine

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

* Supt./Mgr reviewed the Michigan CAT invoice regarding the dozer track purchased. The credit was for a return of short links in the amount of $3,519.40 and the purchase was for $3,880.32. The difference was due to six more links needed at $60.115 per link.
* The 451 project was finished as of yesterday. Discussion was held regarding the quality of the grading.
* Nagel Highway is completed. Heavy Equipment Operator Martin did a good job on the shaping.
* The 2002 Posen Loader is in need of radiator repair – approximately $3,500.00
* We have been offered two used single axle trucks from Grand Traverse County Road Commission for $2,500.00 each. The trucks are fully equipped and ready for service, have V bottom and side discharge sanders. These will also work well for putting down shoulder gravel with the side discharge belt. As our sidewinders are getting quite old and very unreliable. Prices on new side discharge spreaders are $8,500.00 for standard and $11.000.00 for stainless. Discussion was held
* The latest truck we ordered is on its way to Rogers City this morning.
* Supt./Mgr met with MDOT regarding work on the state system this fall and we have compiled several larger projects to do in September:

M-68 has a bump on top of Moltke hill west of the old Midwest Marine location. We are getting bore samples to determine what type of repair is needed.

M-68 near Stoney Creek is in need of a culvert replacement or repair.

US-23 near Swan River continuing south to M-65 on south side of road needs ditching.

* The 2021 MDOT Salt contract has been fulfilled as the remaining 250 tons was ordered and received August 31, 2021.
* Alpena Aggregate would like to move into Miller Road pit and crush gravel in October. We would have to do more than 20,000 yards as was mentioned previously. Supt./Mgr would like to order 30,000 to 40,000 yards and continue installment payments. Discussion was held. Supt./Mgr will check price per yard for 40,000 to 50,000 yards.

***Unfinished Business:***

Supt./Mgr waiting on availability and pricing for Foremen pickups.

***New Business:***

Chairman Catalano set a Public Hearing for the purpose of accepting comments on the expenditure of FAST (Fixing America’s Surface Transportation) Act funds for Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

A motion was made by Quaine (Bischer) to purchase two (2) used Sterling trucks from Grand Traverse County Road Commission for $2,500.00 each for a total price of $5,000.00

Ayes: Bischer, Quaine, Catalano

The next regular meetings of the Board of Road Commissioners will be Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday, October 1, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

As there was no further business Chairman Catalano adjourned the meeting at 9:36 a.m.