**Presque Isle County Road Commission**

**Minutes**

**September 18, 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:** Sarah Melching Presque Isle County Emergency Coordinator

***Minutes:***

A motion was made by Macomber (Quaine) to approve minutes from September 4, 2024 regular meeting.

Ayes: All

***Accounts Payable:***

A motion was made by Quaine (Macomber) to approve the September 18, 2024 accounts payable in the amount of $187,269.44

Ayes: Catalano, Macomber, Quaine

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

* Supt./Mgr would like to place large blade order. Item moved to New Business for approval
* At the October 2, 2024 Public Hearing for expenditure of Federal Funds regarding the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in accordance with requirements of the Infrastructure & Jobs Act (IIJA) for program years 2026 – 2029 we need to add Leer Road from Long Lake to 634 onto the Illustrative list. Supt./Mgr then can add it onto the 2025 seal and fog force account projects at the RTF meeting in October.
* The curbs are installed at the intersection of US-23/Airport Hwy and it is being prepared for asphalt on Airport Highway.
* The paving on Lake Nettie Road will be completed today.
* Deegan Felax has accepted the assistant mechanic position.
* Continued random testing is being done on the employee that had the infraction per the Federal Motor Carrier rules and guide lines.
* Posen Foreman pickup has arrived and is being prepared for service.
* The used rubber tire roller has been delivered. Discussion was held regarding the retirement of unit # 002.
* Roy Tulgetske is almost finished with our first 50,000 tons of gravel. He will be providing a report detailing daily operations.
* Supt./Mgr and County Road Engineer Straley have been asked to attend the Presque Isle Township meeting on October 14, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. for the final decision of the Special Assessment District for Lake Street and Fireside Hwy.
* Posen crews are working on the state trunkline system installing shoulder gravel on US-23 south.
* A letter was sent to Charles Shay regarding a gate on Oscar Robinson Road (off 6 Mile) which needs to be removed. Supt./Mgr spoke with Mr. Shay and he is going to send a copy of his deed.
* Discussion was held regarding a resident on 4th Street in Posen who has metal stakes at the edge of the pavement. Supt./Mgr will contact the Village President to advise of our policy on encroachments in the right of way.
* Crushing has started at the Northcott pit as of today. We have 25,000 tons on order.

***Visitor:***

Presque Isle County Emergency Services Coordinator Sarah Melching appeared before the Board seeking support for the placement of road signs at Industrial Park Road on US-23. The Board authorized Supt./Mgr to sign a letter in support of putting Fire/Ambulance signs up.

***Unfinished Business:***

Commissioner Quaine noted that scrap mats used by Hydaker off 634 Hwy west of Posen are in the right of way and need to be removed prior to the plowing season. Supt./Mgr will contact Hydaker and advise.

Discussion was held regarding a request from Gerald Vincil to purchase a .28-acre parcel from the Road Commission. Board authorized a minimum price be set from two recent tax sales of adjoining parcels and a live auction bid to occur October 2, 2024.

Road conditions in the Little Trout Solar project were discussed with it being noted 638 is starting to cup and crack in areas. Additionally, the possibility of brining the shoulders was talked about.

***New Business:***

A motion was made by Macomber (Quaine) to purchase one heavy duty reversable plow from Truck & Trailer for $14,580.00.

Ayes: Catalano, Macomber, Quaine

A motion was made by Macomber (Quaine) to add Leer Road from Long Lake Hwy to 634 Highway to the 2025 Illustrative List.

Ayes: Catalano, Quaine, Macomber

A motion was made by Quaine (Macomber) to authorize the purchase of underbody scraper blades in the amount of $45,621.20.

Ayes: Macomber, Quaine, Catalano

The next scheduled regular meetings of the Presque Isle County Road Commission are set for Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Catalano adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m.