

**A REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Chippewa County Road Commissioners was held in their offices located at 3949 S. Mackinac Trail, Sault Ste. Marie, MI on May 26, 2022.

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 A.M.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Timmer, Commissioner Gagnon, Commissioner Moser, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Engineer Boileau, Superintendent Erickson, Foreman Goodman ,Foreman Rye, Union President Cheney, Clerk Livermore, Chief Mechanic Marsh.

**ABSENT:** Clerk Christensen

**GUEST PRESENT:** Rudyard Township Supervisor Barry Davis,

Chairman Timmer accepted the agenda as presented.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer that Payroll in the amount of \$158,097.32 and Vouchers in the amount of \$288,405.40 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to approve the regular meeting minutes from May 12, 2022 and place them on file.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Rudyard Township Supervisor Barry Davis thanked the Road Commission for all they do.

Brian Mills thanked the road commission for employing him, acknowledging today as his last day as he heads into retirement. Superintendent Erickson commented on working with Brian for 26 years he has never had anyone as dependable, especially during the winter months and heavy snow events. Brian will be missed and his commitment and service is appreciated.

**STAFF REPORTS**

Office Manager Decker

- OPEB report is complete.
- The audit exit meeting with Phil Wolf from Anderson Tackman is scheduled for Tuesday, June 1, 2022.
- Continuing to manage cashflow - blades for next season are in and fuel usage is down now that plowing for the season has ended.

Superintendent Erickson

- Busy working to shape up gravels and prep for brine.

- Working on shoulders and pulling in berms.
- Beavers still creating issues. Working on the dams between Five and Six Mile Roads to prep for the culvert change-out.
- Guardrail crew out making repairs.
- Screen plant out to Goetzville.

Foreman Goodman

- Shoulder maintenance and pulling.
- Sweeping.
- Wegwas in Trout Lake is ready for paving.

Foreman Rye

- Lots of maintenance and tree clean-up.

Engineer Boileau

- The first federal aid job - Industrial Park Drive - is 50-60% complete. Paving on hold today due to rain.
- First week of June will kick off the Pickford Bridge projects.

Clerk Christensen

- No report.

Union President Cheney

- Nothing new to report.

Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore - reported by Engineer Boileau

- Attended F&HR in Frankenmuth. Really good content this year. Great user meeting with Cogitate and several change requests were implemented at the meeting. There is some significant compliance documentation related to healthcare that we will be working with 44N to do going forward. Attended the Workers Compensation certification sessions and passed the certification test.
- Attended MDOT trunk-line training. Changes coming to account structure and some activity numbers for state maintenance and TWAs. Cogitate is already working on the account structure changes to their system.
- AFLAC rep was here this week for open enrollment. Format worked well and will be scheduling an EMPOWER rep in the near future in the same manner.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Shop is busy but nothing major. Working to get 107 units ready for next winter.

**MANAGER' S REPORT**

- Working with Engineer Boileau and township officials on road agreements. Waiting on one from Dafter Township (three year agreement) for Six Mile Road paving.
- Meeting with Shipwreck and MDOT. We were ready for bid letting. Shipwreck started looking into other sources of funding for the project. This would have resulted in pushing off the project and the resulting increases in costs would have out weighed the additional funds. The project is back on track.
- Working on field reviews and permit inspections.
- Agenda for UP Road Builders is set.
- Watching HB6023 relating to royalties charged for materials removed from state owned lands for state projects.
- Keeping an eye on new grant opportunities. There are some significant opportunities for safety and traffic congestions relief.
- Looking at Bay Road and working with contractors to see what can be done. Main concern relates to base and mix issues.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A.) Road Agreement - Sugar Island Township - 950 feet north of Oak Point Lane ending at Brassier Road Intersection - Township share \$475,000.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to sign road agreement with Sugar Island Township.

**MOTION CARRIED**

- B.) Road Agreement - Bruce Township - 9 Mile Road between Riverside Drive and Lower Haylake Road and Lower Haylake Road between 8 and 9 Mile Roads - Township share \$355,000.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to sign road agreement with Bruce Township.

**MOTION CARRIED**

- C.) CRA Engineering Reimbursement request

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to sign CRA Engineering Reimbursement request in the amount of \$10,0000.

**MOTION CARRIED**

- D.) Transfer \$200K to OPEB trust with Morgan Stanley

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser granting authorization to transfer \$200K to the OPEB trust held with Morgan Stanley.

**MOTION CARRIED**

- E.) RESOLUTION 2022-12 - Support of HB6023 as it relates to the removal of royalties charged for the extraction of materials on state owned land for state projects.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to approve RESOLUTION 2022-12 in support of HB6023.

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANAMOUS ROLE CALL VOTE**

**OLD BUSINESS**

- NONE

**County Commissioners Comments**

- None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- None.

**ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Chairman Timmer thanked everyone and asked they stay safe.

**MOTION CARRIED**

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:32 A.M.

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Bobbie Livermore  
Clerk for the Board

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Richard Timmer  
Chairman