

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 December 23, 2021.

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, Clerk Livermore, Superintendent Erickson, Foreman Goodman, Foreman Rye, Clerk Christensen, Chief Mechanic Marsh.

ABSENT: Union President Mills.

GUEST PRESENT: Rudyard Township Supervisor Barry Davis and Trout Lake Township Supervisor David Hillman

Manager Laitinen requested the addition of the Six Mile Road project cover sheet be added as item B under new business.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to approve the agenda with the requested addition.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser that Payroll in the amount of \$232,762.48 and Vouchers in the amount of \$803,689.04 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

Chairman Timmer inquired as to what items were included in the AP Total. Discussion ensued as to what the larger disbursements included. Officer Manager Decker indicated this period caught up some past bills and insurances as well as paid the bill for the Goetzville salt barn.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve the regular meeting minutes from December 9, 2021 and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Barry Davis, Rudyard Township Supervisor, wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

STAFF REPORTS

Office Manager Decker

- Budgets and IT issues.

Superintendent Erickson

- Busy with changes in weather. Thank you to the crews for working weekends and staying late when needed. Between wind storms and snow they've put a lot of hours in. Their willingness to dig in and get the job done is really appreciated. Happy Holidays.

Foreman Goodman

- Same as the Soo report.

Foreman Rye

- Same as the other garages. Had a wash out on 20-Mile, but got it patched up. Dealt with a lot of trees in power lines.

Engineer Boileau

- Wrapping up the last of the 2022 federal aid applications.

Clerk Christensen

- Nothing New.

Union President Mills

- No Report.

Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore

- Nothing New.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Nothing major over the last couple weeks. Working with Office Manager Decker on IT issues with our diagnostic programs.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Thank you to everyone. Been absent since last meeting through all of last week and the Road Commission ran smoothly in my absence. The continued work of the staff is appreciated.
- Received an email yesterday regarding the Federal Highway Bill. \$63.5M has been dedicated to the RTF program and any new projects have to be obligated by the end of the fiscal year. Discussion ensued.
- House Bill 3545 is being pushed by the DNR to make seasonal roads designated snowmobile trails. It has been passed by the House and is waiting Senate approval. This bill would restrict wheeled vehicle access to seasonal roads, punishable by fines. This would negatively impact our residents living on seasonal roads. Sent a lengthy email to our representatives at CRA in opposition of this bill.

NEW BUSINESS

A.) Transfer \$200K to OPEB Trust Account to Morgan Stanely -

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to approve the transfer of \$200,000 to the OPEB Trust account at Morgan Stanley.

MOTION CARRIED

B.) Six Mile Road Project Coversheet - 2022 paving project of Six Mile Road from Forrest Side Road to M-129.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to sign the cover sheet for the Six Mile Road Project to be done in 2022.

OLD BUSINESS

- NONE

County Commissioners Comments

- NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Gagnon wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Chairman Timmer wished everyone a stay safe and Happy Holidays.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 A.M.

Bobbie Livermore
Clerk for the Board

Richard Timmer
Chairman