

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 August 18, 2022.

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

PRESENT: Chairman Timmer, Commissioner Gagnon, Commissioner Moser, Office Manager Decker, Superintendent Erickson, Foreman Goodman, Foreman Rye, Clerk Christensen Clerk Livermore.

ABSENT: Manager Laitinen, Engineer Boileau, Union President Cheney, Chief Mechanic Marsh.

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

Chairman Timmer accepted the agenda as presented.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser that Payroll in the amount of \$150,825.17 and Vouchers in the amount of \$473,774.09 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 August 4, 2022 and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Barry Davis, Rudyard Township Supervisor, expressed his appreciation for the work done on Bay Road and Ploegstra Road.

STAFF REPORTS

Office Manager Decker

- New fuel tanks were delivered to Goetzville. Worked with vendor to draw up site plans. Concrete to be done will go out to bid, requires a new pour in Goetzville and extension on Drummond Island. The electrician used to complete the Pickford station is scheduled to do the work for the new sites.
- Financials are done through July. MTF is up 3% over this time last year.
- Manager Laitinen has identified a potential property in Whitefish Township that may be a good source of gravel. The current owners will allow us to dig sample holes to explore only after an offer to purchase has been received. They will accept an offer that is contingent upon finding the material suspected, however, if the exploratory dig produces no useful material the Road Commission can cancel the offer. An initial call to the banks indicates

interest rates to borrow are around 5%. Manager Decker recommended that if an agreement to purchase comes from this exploration the Road Commission seek bank bids for the financing.

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to authorize Manger Laitinen to make an offer to purchase the property contingent on finding useful material during the exploratory dig.

MOTION CARRIED

Superintendent Erickson

- Finished shoulder work on 9 Mile Road and Hay Lake Road.
- Finishing up West Shore on Sugar Island.
- The shoulder machine works well and reduces waste.
- Dan Pifer is doing a good job on the road maintenance on Sugar Island and Brian Scales is getting the brush knocked back.
- Changing culverts on 6 Mile Road between Mackinac Trail and M-129.

Foreman Goodman

- Brush hog out in Rudyard area knocking back overgrowth.
- Finishing the patch work on Bay Road and Ploegstra.
- Crew is in Paradise working on a lift of the Betsy River Road. The water is unusually high this year. The crew will move to Tahqua Trail next.

Foreman Rye

- Heading to Paradise to excavate the old garage site on Monday after the Blue Berry Festival.
- Working on maintenance and brush work.

Engineer Boileau

- No Report

Clerk Christensen

- Fire extinguisher inspections are nearly complete and should be finished up next week.
- Finishing CPR/AED/First Aid training next week.
- Attended Rural and Ready last week. The exercise involved responding to a derailment. Discussion ensued.

Union President Cheney

- No report.

Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore

- Nothing new to report.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- No report.

MANAGER/ S REPORT

- No report.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Certification of compliance with PA 152 - Manager Decker explained this is the annual certification declaring the Road Commission is following the law with regards to the cost of health care.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to sign the certification.

MOTION CARRIED

- b. Resolution 2022-15 - Adoption of Dix Point Road on Drummond Island

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commission Moser approve Resolution 2022-15 to adopt Dix Point Road on Drummond Island as a county road.

MOTION CARRIED by UNANOMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

OLD BUSINESS

- NONE

County Commissioners Comments

- None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

- None.

MOTION CARRIED

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:28 A.M.

Bobbie Livermore
Clerk for the Board

Richard Timmer
Chairman