

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 July 22, 2021.

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 A.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Timmer, Commissioner Gagnon, Union President Mills, Foreman Goodman, Engineer Boileau, Foreman Rye, Clerk Christensen

ABSENT: Commissioner Moser, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Clerk Livermore, (all attending the annual MCRCSIP Conference in Mt. Pleasant, MI) Chief Mechanic Marsh, Superintendent Erickson

GUEST PRESENT: Rudyard Township Supervisor Barry Davis, Matt Knowles, CCRC Intern.

Chairman Timmer accepted the agenda as presented.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer that Payroll in the amount of \$157,081.18 and Vouchers in the amount of \$400,640.55 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to approve the regular meeting minutes from July 8, 2021 and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Barry Davis, Rudyard Supervisor requested clarification on the cost share between CCRC and townships for brining roads. Engineer Boileau was able to clarify, 1/3 up to \$1,000 is CCRC's share.

Mr. Davis informed the board of a complaint received in their office from Dale Rector regarding the grading of Crane Road, a seasonal road off of Sullivan Creek Road. Mr. Rector claims the road has not been graded. Foreman Goodman affirmed for the board that Crane Road has been graded this season.

STAFF REPORTS

Office Manager Decker

- No Report

Superintendent Erickson

- No Report

Foreman Goodman

- Prairie Road is coming along
- Working on seasonal roads
- Mower in Rudyard, should be there for another week and will be moving out to Eckerman.

Foreman Rye

- Drummond Island project going well, they started seeding and mulching.
- Mowing is done on Neebish Island and the mower is working its way back to Pickford.
- Tire trailer is full.

Clerk Christensen

- Report on behalf of Officer Decker - Cement pad was laid on Monday, July 19, 2021 for the new fuel pump in Pickford.
- Report on behalf of Superintendent Erickson - Guys have moved over to Sugar Island. New patch machine is working well. Mower was out in Rudyard and has moved over to Sugar Island.
- While the AMZ machine is working, 3 Mile Rd. is being closed to thru traffic for the safety of the crew.
- Dan, Engineer Boileau, Foreman Rye and I attended a training for Part 9 Excavations, Trenching & Shoring with MIOSHA to prepare for the upcoming 20 Mile culvert replacement.
- Have not heard anything back regarding the grants that have been submitted.
- Working on getting state inventory finalized.

Union President Mills

- Looking at potential dates for the upcoming Union dinner.

Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore

- No Report.

Engineer Boileau

- Local paving done except Hulbert Rd. which will be completed in late fall. All Foremen requested to get a list of areas that may need some patching to enable better pricing.
- 20 Mile Rd. pipe will be delivered August 18, 2021. On August 2, 2021 the site will be mowed and prep work started for the new culvert. Excavation should start August 9, 2021.
- Conversation in regards to some bridges that need to be looked at that may need some attention.

Matt Knowles Engineering Intern

- Update on Asset Management System. Finished Midway and West 10 Mile Rd. for culverts. Completed signage survey on Sugar Island. All federal-aid PASER data is collected. About 5% of non-fed aid has been collected.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- No Report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- No Report.

NEW BUSINESS

- A.) Resolution 2021-09 MDOT signed PERMIT - The annual permit Engineer VanDorn had signing in 2019 has expired. Engineer Boileau is asking to renew the annual permit with MDOT for detour signage on M-28 and M-129 (for FY2022 6 Mile/Waiska River and Gogomain Preventative Bridge Maintenance Projects).

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to sign Resolution 2021-09 MDOT Permit.

MOTION CARRIED by unanimous roll call.

- B.) Neebish Island Ferry Agreement - Clerk Christensen requested authorization be granted to Manager Laitinen to sign the agreement for the road way owned by the Corp of Engineers.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to grant authorization for Manager Laitinen to sign the Neebish Island Ferry Agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

County Commissioners Comments

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Davis mentioned he has had a lot of people stopping in the township office in regards to the Scrap Tire program, it is a great program.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Chairman Timmer expressed his concern for the safety of all staff when out on the road as well as in the office. Chairman Timmer advised that when we have residents threatening or demanding service, we need to let the Chippewa County Sheriffs office know to ensure it is on record.

Chairman Timmer also appreciates the job everyone is doing.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:57 A.M.

Abby Christensen
Deputy Clerk for the Board

Richard Timmer
Chairman