

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 June 9, 2022.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 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 Christensen, Clerk Livermore, Chief Mechanic Marsh.

ABSENT:

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

Manager Laitinen requested the addition of CRASIF call for Candidates be added to the agenda under New Business, Item B.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to accept the agenda as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser that Payroll in the amount of \$167,641.07 and Vouchers in the amount of \$419,947.80 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to approve the regular meeting minutes from May 26, 2022 and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to approve the special meeting minutes from May 31, 2022 and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rudyard Township Supervisor Barry Davis indicated the brining work in Rudyard would be finishing up today.

STAFF REPORTS

Office Manager Decker

- Working with the IT person to move the fuel system from the server to the web-based platform.
- Working with Cogitate on the new account/old account number transfer for the changes needed for the state maintenance account numbers and structure.
- ACT 51 is complete and will be submitted today.

Superintendent Erickson

- Busy removing berms on side roads.
- Hauling gravel for state shoulder work.
- Thank you to Foreman Rye for sending Brian over to work on Village Road.
- Finishing up patching and guardrail work.
- Would like it noted that John Mikolowski will be greatly missed. With him as foreman on Sugar Island there was never a concern regarding work being done. It didn't matter if it was a middle of the night call out for a tree or anything. John usually had call-out work completed before the main office was aware there was an issue. His loss is felt by everyone in the garage.

Foreman Goodman

- Paving Hulbert and completing shoulder work.
- Blading roads and ready for brine.
- Working on lots of culvert change-outs.

Foreman Rye

- Pulling shoulders.
- Bridge work starting.
- The work at the school is starting.

Engineer Boileau

- MDOT is starting M48 between Mackinac Trail and M-129 today through August 5th with intermittent lane closures during daytime hours.
- DeTour Village is doing storm vault repairs on M134 through town. There will be lane and/or shoulder closures. Date TBD.
- I-75 at Gaines Highway, the northbound exit ramp will be closed due to a failing culvert. Detour will be exit at M-80 to get to Mackinac Trail.
- Paving Industrial Park Drive is underway and will reopen Monday evening (June 13, 2022).
- Pickford has the first bridge closure today. This is the 1638 next to existing library.
- Structure 1639 (Clegg Rd Bridge) is scheduled to be closed July 5th.

- Paving and shoulder work in Hulbert done. Moving on to Wegwas Road next week.
- Ten bridge inspections to be done June 22nd and 23rd.
- Federal Aid buyout for 2023 is due June 21st. We will have our package ready to submit for the 10 a.m. acceptance time.
- Shipwreck parking lot paving project out to bid.
- DTE is installing 4" high pressure lines at 4 Mile and Shunk Road.
- Mackinac/Chippewa/Luce conservation district will partner on road stream crossing grant work.

Clerk Christensen

- Held the annual safety meeting. Covered DOT regulations, electrical education, and Mis-Dig.
- Finishing up MSHA.

Union President Cheney

- It's been a tough week for the crew with the loss of John Mikolowski. The union is talking about making sure their loved ones are taken care of in this type of event. Clerk Livermore invited anyone with questions to come talk about different options and asked that the union be reassured that John had provisions in place to take care of his wife.

Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore

- Nothing new at this time.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Moving forward to educate new vendor representatives on how to supply the road commission.
- Getting supplies and parts is getting better.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- This has been a tough week on everyone with the unexpected and sudden passing of John Mikolowski.
- A letter was presented to the board outlining recent events on Sugar Island. Discussion ensued. The board requested a legal review of the letter be conducted before any action is taken.
- A clean audit report has been received for 2021.
- The safety meeting had some good sessions and it was good to meet Greg Postma and the Central Dispatch crew.
- Sent a letter to Representatives Schmidt, DaMoose, and McBroom regarding EGLE and stream mitigation circumventing the intent of current legislation.
- Next week there is a meeting with MDOT and Bay Mills Tribe regarding the Six Mile Corridor.

NEW BUSINESS

A.) MCRCSIP Ballots - Manager Laitinen presented two ballots, one ballot for two UP positions and one ballot for one At-Large position. The first was for the reelection of two UP incumbents (Joe Valente & Dennis Stanek) running unopposed. The second ballot for the At-Large position (Lester Livermore) running unopposed.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to vote for the two UP incumbents.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to vote for the AT-Large incumbent.

MOTION CARRIED

B.) CRASIF call for Candidate. Clerk Livermore is interested in serving on the Board of Trustees and would like to submit a letter of interest.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to support Clerk Livermore as a candidate for the upcoming CRASIF election.

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

- NONE

County Commissioners Comments

- None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Chairman Timmer expressed acknowledgement of the tough week and the appreciation for all the crew does.

MOTION CARRIED

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:51 A.M.

Bobbie Livermore
Clerk for the Board

Richard Timmer
Chairman