

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 21, 2022.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Timmer, Commissioner Gagnon, Commissioner Moser, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Foreman Goodman, Foreman Rye, Clerk Christensen, Chief Mechanic Marsh.

ABSENT: Engineer Boileau, Superintendent Erickson, Union President Cheney, Clerk Livermore.

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

Chairman Timmer accepted the agenda as presented.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser that Payroll in the amount of \$151,304.64 and Vouchers in the amount of \$640,050.42 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 July 7, 2022 and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Hillman, Trout Lake Township Clerk, passed on an inquiry regarding a potential increase in the reimbursement for road brine for the townships. Discussion ensued.

STAFF REPORTS

Office Manager Decker

- Have been working with Clerk Livermore on the ACT 51 process. Haven't heard anything on the fuel tanks. The data for the fuel tanks has been migrated over to the cloud. The new way that the fuel tanks are set up will create a more efficient process enabling us to dial in from any web based location. The new Cogitate payroll system is moving forward, changes look like they will be a great improvement and more user friendly.

Superintendent Erickson

- No Report.

Foreman Goodman

- County mowing is just about done in Rudyard.

- Ploegestra and Bay Rd. currently getting ready for paving..

Foreman Rye

- Mowing is about done. Mower will be going back out to widen things up.
- Helped move the screen plant to 15 Mile.
- Have picked up a lot of campaign signs and are at the Pickford garage if anyone calls they can pick them up.

Engineer Boileau

- No Report.

Clerk Christensen

- CPR/AED and First Aid completed at Eckerman, Drummond and Goetzville. Working to get the other garages scheduled.
- Fire extinguishers have been serviced at Drummond, Goetzville, Pickford, Rudyard, Eckerman, Brimley and the Screen Plant. The Sault, Sugar Island and Neebish Island will be done next Friday, July 29, 2022. Neebish and Sugar Island need to bring all extinguishers to the Sault Garage and pick them up Monday, August 1, 2022.

Union President Cheney

- No Report.

Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore

- No Report.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Hauled equipment from the new Neebish Island pit to the scrap yard yesterday. Still multiple large vehicles that need to be removed. Those will be removed when the new ferry arrives.
- Keeping up with repairs and any safety needs, just finished up with Eckerman, Rudyard and Brimley.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Attended first half of the Annual MCRCSIP meeting. A speaker that was brought in emphasized on team building. He reinforced that we have a good operation, though did learn some new techniques. Clerk Livermore is currently still at the Annual meeting to learn the business management and about potential refunds.
- Wetland Board reported they have had 84 projects to date. Potentially more opportunities to come in the future.
- Manger Laitinen met with the consultant regarding the Asset Management Plan. Discussed where we are currently and what the future plan may look like.
- Manager Laitinen and Clerk Christenen will be attending the Rural and Ready Conference held at LSSU on August 10 & 11, 2022.

- The Northern Conference will be held September 15 & 16, 2022 in Traverse City at the Great Wolf Lodge. Please let Clerk Livermore know if you plan to attend.
- Straits Area Council is scheduled for August 2, 2022 at 9:30 at Audie's Restaurant in Mackinaw City. Please let Clerk Livermore know if you will be attending by Wednesday, July 27, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. MERS Delegate -
 - i. **MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to approve Dave Piche to be the Employee Delegate.
 - ii. **MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to approve Clerk Livermore to be the Officer Delegate and Clerk Christensen as the alternate.
- b. **MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to approve Incumbent - John Hunt, Huron County, Incumbent - Deb Kestner, Saginaw County and Bobbie Livermore, Chippewa County as the votes for the CRASIF Ballot.

OLD BUSINESS

- NONE

County Commissioners Comments

- None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Mr. Davis, asked if Ontario Rd. east off of Mackinac Trail could have gravel maintained by CCRC and if not can the residents on Ontario Rd. haul their own.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

- Chairman Timmer, commented on how nice Tilson is now that the bump has been removed. The mowing on the side of the roads looks really nice.
- Commissioner Moser, M-134 is almost done, snowmobile crossing and the rumble strips looks very nice.
- Commissioner Gagnon, asked about complaints regarding the 6 Mile bridge project. Routes have been the biggest complaint.

MOTION CARRIED

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:38 A.M.

 Abby Christensen
 Deputy Clerk for the Board

 Richard Timmer
 Chairman