

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 October 31, 2019.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Chairman Timmer, Commissioner Gagnon, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Foreman Erickson, Foreman McConkey, Engineer VanDorn, Union President Mills, Payroll/HR/Board Clerk Livermore, Clerk Christensen.

ABSENT: Foreman Goodman, Chief Mechanic Marsh

GUEST PRESENT: Rick Bicknell, Jim Moore, Bridget Nodurft, Barry Davis

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$138,733.65 and Vouchers in the amount of \$300,361.22 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 on October 17, 2019 and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bridget Nodurft thanked the Road Commission for being supportive of the Monarch Butterfly issue by waiting to mow along the roadside of Tahqua Trail.

Barry Davis complimented the Road Commission on the work done to Bay Road and extend a "good-job."

STAFF REPORTS

Engineer VanDorn

- Gaines Highway - had to create an addendum to adjust the quantity for trenching.
- Milligan Road - we have received our permit from the Corps of Engineers and the permit includes a five (5) year maintenance agreement.
- Bay Road - Payne and Dolan repaved a portion of Bay Road south of M-48 before the weather changed. This work was done to current areas of failed pavement and was done free of charge.
- Attended the Fall Asset Management Meeting and came back with some good take-a-ways from the meeting.

Foreman Erickson

- Worked on patching culverts on Sugar Island.
- Mixing Ice Sand for winter work.
- The crew has been out snow-staking routes.
- We are cold patching where we can, but the wet and cold weather have made it difficult.
- We have been out on I-75 working on plugged culverts.

Foreman McConkey

- Changed out three steel pipes - the new pipes seem to be a better pipe than the plastic ones we have been using.
- Snow staking routes.
- We've been installing the sand hoppers on the trucks.
- The mechanic has been busy working on trucks in preparation of winter.

Office Manager Decker

- Nothing at this time.

Clerk Christensen

- The large bills in this run for A/P were for striping and our share of the Lakeshore Drive project.
- Spent some time looking for grants to offset the cost of the fuel pumps we are looking at.

Union President Mills

- No Report

Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore

- Abby and I have been working to get our staff registered at the Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration Clearinghouse. The regulation requires our drivers to be registered by January 6, 2020. Abby and I visited our Pickford and Brimley garages last week to assist the staff in the registration process. We will go to Drummond Island next week. As of this morning, we have nine employees left to register.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Nothing at this time.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Our winter salt has been delivered.
 - 5,000 ton to Eckerman
 - 6,000 ton to Kinross
 - 600 ton to Goetzville (smaller salt barn)
- Worked on next year's budget and capital outlay with Brian.
- Met with EGLE (MDEQ) on potential wetland mitigation on Neebish Island by ferry dock road.

- Started the conversation with the Corps of Engineers to get us access into the waste stone piles for riprap stone to repair erosion on Spring Bay Road, Whitefish Point Road, and a portion on M-123.
- The drainage work on Milligan Road is wrapping up.
- We have a new welder starting in the garage on Monday.
- Night operations will begin this weekend.
- We have rented a wheel loader for the Kinross salt shed with potential for a reasonable cost to purchase at the end of the rental agreement.
- Been working with the Michigan State Police on a Spring weight restriction enforcement contract.
- Received an email from the Sault Tribe this morning. They are having difficulty coming to an agreement between their construction and housing offices regarding snow removal in their subdivision off Seymour Road. They are asking for a one season contract for plowing. Will report additional information at the next meeting.
- Met with Whitefish Township residents and the Sierra Club last week regarding the Road Commission garage property located in Whitefish Township. There is a presentation on this meeting under new business.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Bridget Nodurft and Rick Bicknell provided a presentation of the contamination/pollution of the land where the old Road Commission garage is located. Rob Laitinen presented information obtained from the last soil testing (2019 report from 2018 samples). Discussion ensued.
- B. **MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve Resolution 2019-13 Support of Remediation of the Paradise Brownfield to including a change in wording on page two as follows:

"Be it therefore resolved that the Board of Chippewa County Road Commissioners will pursue remediation of the contamination of said parcel of land."

Is changed to:

"Be it therefore resolved that the Board of Chippewa County Road Commissioners will support remediation of the contamination of said parcel of land."

MOTION CARRIED by UNANAMOUS ROLL CALL

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

County Commissioners Comments

Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Barry Davis thanked Tom for attending the township meeting and asked for information available on state plan for maintenance of overpasses. Discussion ensued.

Brian Mills mention that Whitefish Township School has an above ground fuel tank on our property that is need of maintenance or removal. Discussion ensued.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Chairman Timmer attended an Invasive Species meeting hosted by CRA. The DNR is looking for road commissions to interact with CISMA to identify, mark, and eliminate some invasive species plant life. Discussion ensued.

This week Ionia County Commission took over their road commission. Details are still developing.

BE SAFE

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:34 A.M.

Bobbie Livermore
Clerk for the Board

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman