

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 10, 2020.

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

PRESENT: Chairman Timmer, Commissioner Ormsbee, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Superintendent Erickson, Payroll/HR/Board Clerk Livermore, Chief Mechanic Marsh.

ABSENT: Commissioner Gagnon, Engineer VanDorn, Foreman Goodman, Foreman Rye, Union President Mills, Clerk Christensen

GUEST PRESENT: None

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer that the Payroll in the amount of \$151,339.34 and Vouchers in the amount of \$273,886.63 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to approve the regular meeting minutes from May 28, 2020 and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

STAFF REPORTS

Engineer VanDorn presented by Manager Laitinen

- Paving on Lakeshore and Ranger Roads complete. Shoulders should be done this week.
- Gaines Highway will start next and is projected to be completed around the week of July 4th.
- Local Paving - Detour, Raber, Drummond Island projects are complete. Pickford has two more streets to complete.
- Soo Township projects are on hold until Nicolet is done.

Office Manager Decker

- Working with FirstNet to set up new account. This is a cellular program for emergency responders to be given priority status to cell phone towers during an emergency. This program does not provide road side assistance like our Verizon plan, but we are looking into WEX as well.

Superintendent Erickson

- Huge compliment to the crews for the hard work and completing jobs in my absence.

- Crews have been busy changing culverts, working on gravel road maintenance, and laying brine on some roads in Dafter.
- Sugar Island is busy with road maintenance.
- Still working on Mackinac trail to do brush clean-up.

Foreman Goodman presented by Manager Laitinen

- o Working on the Trout Lake Township roads doing under cut and gravel.
- o Wildcat and Tahqua Trail work started with several water holes being addressed.
- o Prairie Road project moving along.

Foreman Rye presented by Manager Laitinen

- Crew working on stumping and brush work on 14 Mile and 16 Mile Roads and then moving on to Drummond Island to begin work on Cream City Point Road.

Clerk Christensen

- No report.

Union President Mills

- Nothing at this time.

Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore

- Clerk Christensen and I have been working on a fuel card program and options. We've collaborated on policy, procedure, responsibility, reporting items, etc. Clerk Christensen has been looking into the WEX program to preserve our tax exempt payment status and acquire purchase discounts.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Keeping busy in the shop.
- This has been a good couple of weeks. We have repaired more equipment than has come into the shop for repair.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Received the notice of lawsuit regarding the accident on 7 Mile road in December. This case is likely to go to trial. The employee also received a notice to appear. Our liability pool insurance covers our employee.
- Met with the union regarding the health insurance renewal. The union will meet and get back to us, but it looks like a good plan and the representatives seemed happy with the renewal numbers.
- Visited the Neebish Island site with a representative from the Wetland Board.
- Received an email from the Huron Pines Watershed group. They are looking for roads/stream crossings in risk for wash out.

- Received proposals from Mountain Stone for rock and stone needed for erosion at Whitefish Point.
- Been in communication with the County Commissioners and Speaker Chatfield regarding the Nicolet Road project and the DEQ visit yesterday to verify we are not altering the drainage into individual property owners land.
- Received notice that the property owner on Wildcat Road is open to a conversation regarding access for us to clear out the ditch and look at a longer-term solution to the drainage issue.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. MCRCSIP Board of Directors Vote - Manager Laitinen reviewed the nominees and recommended a vote for both of the current incumbents.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to cast a vote for Lester Livermore and Bret Laughlin.

MOTION CARRIED

- B. CRASIF call for candidates. Manager Laitinen presented information on the call for candidates to run for a seat on the CRASIF Board.
- C. Propane Bid - Manager Laitinen reviewed the results for the propane bids. Webster Garner had the low bid.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to award the bid to Webster Garner.

MOTION CARRIED

- D. Trout Lake Township Revised Road Agreement.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to accept the revised agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

County Commissioners Comments

Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nothing at this time

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Chairman Timmer expressed that he was impressed with how quickly Payne and Dolan was able to complete the Ranger Road and Curley Lewis paving projects.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:14 A.M.

Bobbie Livermore
Clerk for the Board

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman