

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO 1914

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday, October 16, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: John Currie, Van Johnson, Mike Wernette

Members Absent: None

Member Present from Board of County Commissioners: None

Administrative Staff Present: Tim Nestle, Manager/Superintendent and Amy Kailing, Finance Director/Board Secretary.

Minutes from September 18, 2018 were approved as written.

Mr. & Mrs. Twitchell asked if anything has been decided regarding Lynwood Lane. The Board reviewed the quote for a new pipe to be installed. Tim Nestle strongly suggested the pipe not be replaced and that the road be raised to solve the water issue. Mr. & Mrs. Twitchell were informed that they could ask the township to do an assessment to fix the road. Mr. & Mrs. Twitchell were asked if the residents of Lynwood Lane would pay for half the cost to bore a new drain, they said they would talk to the residents and get back to Tim Nestle.

Green Township Supervisor, Jim Chapman, thanked the Board for Spruce Road.

Fork Township Trustee, Pam Gilbert, asked if anything was decided regarding Fork Township paying for the county line to be brined.

Amy Kailing reviewed financials with the Board.

At 10:00 am Van Johnson motioned and Mike Wernette seconded to open and read bids for Truck Accessories.

Amy Kailing informed the Board that a Trust would need to be opened to address the unfunded liability for retiree healthcare. The Board requested more information on the matter.

Amy Kailing informed the Board that a rebate from Blue Care Network was received as required by the Affordable Care Act. The Board agreed to share the rebate with qualified active employees.

The Board discussed stop paying extra to MERS. Van Johnson motioned and Mike Wernette seconded the motion to stop putting extra money into the MERS defined benefit retirement payments.

Tim Nestle reviewed the Project List with the Board. 90th Ave is almost completed, 200th Ave is waiting to finish paving, Campus View and Pine Ridge are ready to be paved, 155th Ave will be complete once ditching is finished, and crack seals have started.

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The Board reviewed the contract for Pine Ridge subdivision overlay in Colfax Township. Van Johnson motioned and Mike Wernette seconded the motion to approve Colfax Township Contract.

Tim Nestle informed the Board that a TWA was received for M-20 ditching/paving between 60th and 70th.

The Board was informed that there is a meeting to discuss adding Clare County and Isabella County to the Orient-Fork Intercounty Drain.

The Board was informed that Night Patrol Assignment was posted and will start in November weather dependent. The Board reviewed and approved the overtime roads winter maintenance after state trunkline.

The Board discussed the radio issues and approved adding internet service to the Remus Tower.

Tim Nestle informed the Board that the Paul Bunyan Council is requesting road commission members to participate in the Wetland Bank Agreement between Grand Traverse County and Paul Bunyan Council. No action at this time.

The Board was informed that council is meeting regard SB 396 which has to do with weight laws.

The Board discussed possibly selling the Hinton/Altona Property and decided to wait.

The Board reviewed and approved Frank Randall's retirement letter.

Tim Nestle informed the Board that the road commission received the annual CRASIF Stewardship Report.

The Board reviewed the vouchers. Van Johnson motioned and Mike Wernette seconded the motion to approve vouchers for 10/16/18 for payment in the amount of \$1,043,561.48. Roll call vote of (3) yeas, motion carried.

Tim Nestle informed the Board that we were not awarded the surplus trucks and will keep looking.

The Board asked if weight restrictions have been placed on the new culvert on Spruce Rd and Tim informed them it has not and if we add another foot of cover we would not have to. Board approved another foot of cover.

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The Board was informed that Summit Petroleum is selling the coldwater brine well.

Tim Nestle informed the Board that Nestle Waters still has not gotten back to him regarding 8 Mile. The Board decided to not address any of the issues on 8 Mile until Nestle Waters gets back to us.

Tim Nestle informed the Board that winter maintenance preparation has started.

The Board discussed and approved Tim Nestle and Jon Firman to go attend the DEQ Conference December 5th & 6th in Mt. Pleasant.

The Board was informed that a resident has complained about the condition of 1 Mile W 190th Ave in Morley. It was decided to talk to the township about putting the road back to gravel.

At 11:17 am Van Johnson motion and Mike Wernette seconded the motion to go into closed session to discuss contract mediation.

Meeting adjourned at 11:29 am.

CHAIRMAN

BOARD SECRETARY

DATE