

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 001079

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday April 12th, 2005. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: John Currie, Paul Jefts, and Randy Maxwell.

Members Absent: None

Member Present from Board of County Commissioners: Norm Turner.

Administrative Staff Present: Joyce Randall, Managing Director, Mike Maneke, Superintendent, and Brooke Steiner, Clerk.

Minutes from March 22, 2005 were approved as written.

Lewis Anderson, Aetna Township resident, was present to discuss with the Board the issue of a culvert placed on 200th Avenue South of 5 Mile. Mr. Anderson stated that there has never been a tube there before and one was placed during the road project. Mr. Anderson states that the other resident has gas, oil, and water running through the culvert and into his pond. Mr. Anderson would like the culvert removed. Board advised they would visit the area on their spring ride around later that afternoon. Mr. Anderson stated would also like some sort of light at the intersection of 5 Mile Road and Northland Drive due to safety concerns. Board advised that is state jurisdiction and all the Road Commission can do is write a letter of recommendation for that intersection.

Board reviewed the 2005 projects and spring tour. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Mecosta County Townships Association agenda for April 25, 2005. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the construction project information from MDOT in regards to crack sealing. No Action Required.

Jim Bricker and Ken Anderson, Michigan Cat, and Mike Simon, Shop Foreman, were all present to discuss maintenance concerns with the loaders. Mr. Simon stated the one year warranty will run out next month and there are still concerns with the loaders. Mr. Anderson stated they will cover anything that is currently wrong and anything major that comes up beyond the warranty. Board advised they don't feel they should have to pay for the extra warranty when the Road Commission is having many problems with the loaders. Mr. Anderson stated he would like a list of any problems from the loader operators to get started on. Board advised to have Mr. Anderson and Mr. Bricker come back to the next day meeting to discuss these issues some more. No Action Required.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve Resolution #05-06 in regards to L.C. Redi Mix and Old Millpond Road in Big Rapids Township. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the Hoover Well Bid tabulations. Nick Petersen, Estimator/Field Inspector, was present and stated that CoroTech, Co. is the lowest bid any way you figure it. Board advised to have Mr. Petersen look into CoroTech, Co. to see how their work is. No Action Required.

The Mecosta County Road Commission property detail will be postponed until the next meeting.

Board reviewed the salt shed issues. The state is going to pay for 76% of the cost to build the shed. Board stated the Road Commission should start using our brine instead of calcium chloride on the state trunklines. The approximate size of the shed is 70 X 125 and the plans still need to be revised. No Action Required.

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Henry Diemer and Gary Niethammer, Wilcox Associates, and Ed Burch, Engineer, were present to discuss the concerns with Hills of Mitchell Creek. Board advised they don't want just one drive into the complex. Mr. Niethammer stated they would be willing to put a stub road coming from the west or from the North through Currie's property. Mr. Niethammer also stated that the owners of Mitchell Creek do not want to connect the two projects. Board advised to have Nick Petersen, Estimator/Field Inspector, put the traffic counters out on Madison Avenue in Big Rapids Township. Board also advised to have them come back after Mr. Diemer and Mr. Niethammer have gone back to the Township. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the lease with Vandale Farms. Board advised the lease looks good and to send out to have Mr. VanderKolk sign it and bring back to the Board. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the letter from United Entertainment. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the appraisal quote for the Big Rapids garage and stated that the comparisons are what hurt the appraisal value. Board advised to not move. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to approve voucher 4/12/05 for payment in the amount of \$165,788.88. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the 2005-2006 salt requisition. Board advised to go ahead and order based on 2004-2005 seasons 100% of usage. No Action Required.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to have the chairman sign the contract with MDOT for Federal Funds Exchange. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Ed Burch, Engineer, was present to ask the Board if he could bore the road by the bridge on 9 Mile Road in Morton Township which is on the Local Bridge Program List. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the 49th Annual Asphalt Paving Conference. Board advised to send Mike Maneke, Superintendent, and Nick Petersen, Estimator/Field Inspector. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the MCRCSIP employment law training program. Board advised to send Mike Maneke, Superintendent, Joyce Randall, Managing Director, and all Foreman. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the MCRCSIP candidates for Board of Directors positions. Randy Maxwell stated he would like to become a candidate. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the MCRCSIP renewal letter. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Incident/Accident report. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Price & Company Open House. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Veterans Parade in Downtown Big Rapids. Board advised that it would be okay to put a truck in the parade. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from Savoy Energy in regards to the gas pipeline installation in the right of way. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence to Michigan Department of Natural Resources in regards to the Beaver Control Permit. No Action Required.

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Board reviewed the correspondence to Mecosta Township Zoning in regards to Heffron Pit. No Action Required.

Brooke Steiner, Clerk, presented the financial reports to the Board. No Action Required.

Joyce Randall, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) 4-10 working days for the summer, Board advised it is okay; 2) estimates for 90th Avenue N of 20 Mile Road in Chippewa Township and 1 Mile from 200th to 210th Avenue in Aetna Township. Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded motion to split the cost 1/3 Township, 1/3 resident, and the Road Commission to pay for \$1600.00 on 90th Avenue. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried. 3) Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to add the non CDL employees in their own group for random alcohol and drug testing. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried. 4) new application for drivers; 5) M-20 detour prepare a letter asking MDOT what they need from the Road Commission.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve the dry hydrant be placed on the Hoover Road Bridge in Fork Township. Roll call vote of (3) three yeas, motion carried.

Board recessed for lunch at 12:15 p.m.

Board reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

Board met out at 200th Avenue and 5 Mile Road in Aetna Township for a demonstration. No Action Required.

Board then proceeded to their spring tour of roads in Mecosta County. No Action Required.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

Date