

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 001233

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday July 24th, 2007. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Paul A. Jefits, Randy Maxwell, and John Currie.

Members Absent: None.

Member Present from Board of County Commissioners: Norm Turner.

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

Minutes from July 10th, 2007 were approved as written.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, updated the Board on 2007 projects as follows: 1) completed paving on 200th Avenue from 5 Mile to 6 Mile in Aetna Township, Hoover Road from 200th Avenue to Northland Drive in Green Township, 160th Avenue North of 21 Mile and 22 Mile Road in Grant Township, 100th Avenue from N. Chippewa to 20 Mile Road and 110th Avenue from 18 Mile to 19 Mile Road in Chippewa Township; and 2) currently working on the following projects Arthur Road from M-66 to 20th Avenue in Sheridan Township, 4 Mile Road from 155th to 160th Avenue grade project and Monroe Road East of Northland Drive to 162nd Avenue in Deerfield Township. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve and sign the contract with Green Township for Greenhaven Subdivision. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the Martiny Township Lynwood Lane approval. Board advised to go ahead. Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, stated that she needs to get the property owner to sign the drainage easement. No Action Required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, and Jim Knapp, Surveyor, met with Tim Mudrack in regards to 183rd Avenue in Big Rapids Township. Mrs. Kuipers stated that Mr. Mudrack was going to watch and see what happens with Bill Boone and Brian Galloup. Then after the meeting Mr. Mudrack called Mrs. Kuipers and stated that he could not go along with what Mr. Boone and Mr. Galloup are doing and called his attorney. No Action Required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, informed the Board that she was waiting to hear back from Kevin Elsenheimer, Attorney, in regards to Young's Lake Road in Grant Township. Jim Grunst, Grant Township resident, was present to just listen. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the letter to Roger Card, Card and Card Investments, LLC, in regards to the removal of the fence within the right-of-way. No Action Required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, informed the Board that the structure built at the Pogy Lake access has not been removed as of yet. John Currie moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to inform George McLaughlin, Chippewa Township resident, that he has thirty days to remove the structure or the Road Commission will have to remove it at Mr. McLaughlin's expense. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, informed the Board on the Meceola Road Jurisdiction issue. Mrs. Kuipers stated that Cliff Youngs, Engineer Osceola County Road Commission, has not got back with her as of yet. Board advised to call Mr. Youngs to find out what their plans are. No Action Required.

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Paul Jeffs moved and Randy Maxwell seconded motion to approve Randy Maxwell as Voting Delegate and John Currie as Alternate Voting Delegate for the County Road Association Self Insurance Fund annual meeting. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the candidate letter to the County Road Association Self Insurance Fund for Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the letter from Green Township in regards to the selling of Charlie Brown Park. Board advised they were not going to do anything at this time. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Mecosta County Planning Commission Private Road Standards. Board advised that if there are ever any plans for a private road to be taken over by the Road Commission then the road would need to be built to County Specifications. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the letter from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in regards to the Unapprovable Status of the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Program. The administrative staff is looking into this at this time. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Paul Bunyan Meeting on August 16, 2007. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the incident/accident report. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve the Letter of Understanding to extend the 4-10 work schedule with it ending on or before November 1, 2007. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the Concrete Pipe Association of Michigan Golf Outing on August 16, 2007. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from Villages at Tullymore in regards to an invitation to their place. No Action Required.

Paul Jeffs brought before the Board a letter from Norvil Brown, Morton Township resident, in which he stated the removal of the stop sign at the intersection of West Marywood Drive and Marywood Drive is creating a major safety concern. Mr. Brown would like to see the stop sign put back up. Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, informed the Board that a speed study has been ordered for the above listed roads. No Action Required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, informed the Board of the following items: 1) wondering about retiree opt out payment, board advised to check with the Road Commissions attorney; 2) it will cost \$3,700 to \$4,500 to repair the Big Rapids Brine Truck, Board advised to use the truck that pulls the lowboy trailer for right now; 3) possible gravel pit option at the corner of M-66 and 22 Mile Road in Fork Township, Board advised to have the property owner come into the next meeting to discuss possible options; 4) on 150th Avenue and 15 Mile Road, the Northeast side of the curve is washing away, Board advised to look into the issue; and 5) while mowing on Coolidge in the Village of Barryton a sewer cap was hit and broken, Village of Barryton was wondering if the Road Commission would pay for the repairs, Board advised to get a cost for the repairs. No Action Required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, informed the Board of the new gas station going in on 100th Avenue between 8 Mile Road and Buchanan in Morton Township. Board advised to find out what was promised in phase I plans before phase II could begin. No Action Required.

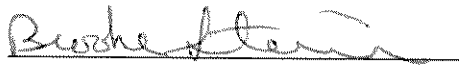
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Mike Maneke, Superintendent, and Paul Jeffs met with Gary Bengry on site at 100th Avenue and Evergreen Road in Chippewa Township in regards to his concerns. The several concerns discussed in two meetings prior were addressed. Mr. Jeffs stated that Mr. Bengry said the stakes were moved while the project was being worked on; Mr. Bengry was told to move his fence on the back side of the ditch, Road Commission to place a 40' culvert on the North side of the road and will place the dead end sign back up. Mr. Smith is having water issues to the East; the Road Commission could possibly look into doing some ditch work. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve voucher 7/24/2007 for payment in the amount of \$4,201.64. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.


SECRETARY


CHAIRMAN

8/14/07
DATE