

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO 1332

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday, April 14, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Randy Maxwell, John Currie

Members Absent: Paul Jefts

Member Present from Board of County Commissioners: Jerry Williams

Administrative Staff Present: Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, Mike Maneke, Superintendent, and Connie Larson, Board Secretary.

Minutes from March 24, 2009 and April 1, 2009 were approved with corrections.

Jim Cook, 19 Mile Road east of 160th Avenue, Grant Township, discussed the ½ mile prior to seasonal road status on 19 Mile Road with the Board. Mr. Cook would like that portion of the road improved. Board advised Mike Maneke, Superintendent to do a cost estimate for a two lane road there. Board also advised Mr. Cook that the normal procedure for road improvements is a cost share between the Township, Property Owner, and the Commission. No action required.

Richard Cassidy, Dwight Street between 3rd and 4th Street, Chippewa Lake, Chippewa Township, presented pictures of the water damage caused by the spring time run off and requested compensation for those damages. The Board declined to provide compensation. Mr. Cassidy informed the Board that the corner of Dwight and 2nd Street was sinking. No action required.

Oliver Ludholtz, Dwight Street, Chippewa Lake, Chippewa Township, presented pictures of the standing water and the damage to his property caused by the spring time run off and requested compensation for those damages. The Board declined to provide compensation. No action required.

Diane Burgess, Grant Township Supervisor, requested from the Board information on how the brine program works. Board advised, no action required.

Ken Vredenburg, Austin Township Supervisor discussed with the Board the 180th Avenue project. Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director informed him of the status of that project. Mr. Vredenburg also discussed possible projects for Pierce, Buchanan, and 5 Mile Road. No action required.

Bruce Cummings, Martiny Township Supervisor informed the Board that the Township would be willing to share in the cost of the 90th Avenue project. Mr. Cummings also discussed 110th Avenue and 14 Mile Road in regards to wedge paving vs seal coating. Mike Maneke, Superintendent explained why the differences. Mr. Cummings requested a cost estimate for a double seal instead of the wedging for 110th Avenue. Board advised Mike Maneke, Superintendent to do a cost estimate. Mr. Cummings also discussed with the Board the brine program and how late Martiny Township was done last year. Mr. Cummings also discussed with the Board 110th between 14 and 15 Mile Roads in regards to having some gravel put on it this year if possible as none was put on it last year as discussed. No action required.

Jerry Williams, County Commissioner discussed with the Board the rotations of the brine program and stated he was present at the Supervisor's meeting where that was discussed, and reported a pot hole on 10th Avenue. No action required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director discussed the projects list with the Board. No action required.

Board reviewed the dust control contracts from the townships that had returned them. Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded a motion to sign the Chippewa Township and Sheridan Township dust control contracts. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Maxwell and Currie), one (1) absent (Jefts), motion carried.

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Board reviewed the following; 1) MDOT winter maintenance overruns; 2) Traffic signal removal on M-20 and Cass Street, Village of Mecosta; 3) M-20 Permanent incident management signing at 9 Mile and 90th Avenue, no action taken; 4) 2007 Trunk line audit; 5) Request for alternate detour route for M-20 on 11 Mile Road, Board advised Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director to contact MDOT and discuss MDOT being responsible for any damages if Board approved this as an alternate route. No action required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director discussed the following with the Board; 1) 2009 Capital Outlay; 2) Notice from Drain Commission regarding the Chippewa Township drainage problem on Dwight Street; 3) Asset Management Conference, Board will not be attending; 4) APWA Annual Conference, Board will not be attending, no action required.

Supervisors meeting at 11:00 a.m. present: Jim Johnson, Frank Randall and Mike Cornell. The Board was updated on maintenance issues and the stolen snow fence along Northland Drive. Board advised the Supervisors to go east and west this season instead of north and south for the brine program and begin brining May 1st. Mike Cornell discussed the fuel and operating fluids bid tabulations with the Board. Board requested he come back with more information later today. Board discussed with Mike Cornell the brine trailers, fifth wheel plates, and the Big Rapids trailer issues. Board would like Mike Cornell see if the slides can be replaced and advised him to fix one and report back to them on how it worked. No action required.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 11:45 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 12:35 p.m.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director reviewed the finances with the Board. John Currie moved and Randy Maxwell seconded a motion to approve voucher 4/15/2009 for payment in the amount of \$386,739.46 as presented to the Board. Roll Call vote of two (2) yeas (Maxwell and Currie), and one (1) absent (Jefts), motion carried.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director discussed with the Board the equipment assignment for open equipment and gravel crushing at Bauman Pit. No action required.

Board reviewed the request from retiree Jim Knapp regarding his sick and vacation time. John Currie moved and Randy Maxwell seconded a motion to pay Jim Knapp for the 200 hours of vacation time and 400 hours of sick time. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Maxwell and Currie), one (1) absent (Jefts), motion carried. Board will review the hours above that at a later date.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent informed the Board that he has been getting estimates on the option to bore Dwight Street, Chippewa Lake, Chippewa Township to fix the drainage problem. The estimates were approximately \$20,000. Julie Austin, Chippewa Township was present and the Board discussed the option of sharing the cost with the Township. John Currie moved and Randy Maxwell seconded a motion to split the cost 50/50 with Chippewa Township for boring Dwight Street at a cost of approximately \$20,000. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Maxwell and Currie), and one (1) absent (Jefts), motion carried.

Julie Austin, Chippewa Township requested gravel on 22 Mile Road between 60th and 80th Avenue from Board. Board advised they would consider it if Township would help with the 80th project overlay. No action required.

Maxine McClelland, Big Rapids Township discussed with the Board Pioneer Drive and informed the Board that the Township approved their brine contract. No action required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent discussed with the Board a permit request from Cran Hill Ranch to bore under 17 Mile Road to replace a water line. No action required.

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Mike Maneke, Superintendent discussed with the Board the McLachlan and Bengry issues on 100th Avenue. Board advised to take no action at this time.

Board reviewed the WMRPC request for projects. No action required.

Board reviewed Incident/accident report. No action required.

Board reviewed correspondence. No action required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director informed the Board of the following; 1) Art Ranger, Surveyor will begin Monday, 4/20/09; 2) The NMARC Scholarship skeet shoot is scheduled for May 9th; 3) Pacer Training for new employees is the first week of June, Board advised that she have Art Ranger, Surveyor attend; 4) The Labor Law & Labor Arbitration Conference is in August, John Currie moved and Randy Maxwell seconded a motion to approve Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director to attend the conference and anyone else she deems will benefit from this conference. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Maxwell and Currie), one (1) absent (Jefts), motion carried.

Board reviewed the 4 10's schedule and advised Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director to post the new hours of Monday – Thursday from 6:00-4:30 p.m. to being May 4, 2009. No action required.

At 2:30 p.m. John Currie moved and Randy Maxwell seconded a motion to move into executive session to discuss DEQ issues. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Maxwell and Currie), one (1) absent (Jefts), motion carried.

At 3:20 p.m. John Currie moved and Randy Maxwell seconded a motion to move back into regular session. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Maxwell and Currie) and one (1) absent (Jefts), motion carried.

Mike Maneke discussed the updates to the County maps for printing with the Board. Board advised they would agree to a share in the cost with the County Parks if they wanted the Parks marked on the maps. Board also advised to get a cost to highlight the class A roads and move the year down to the bottom and in a smaller print. No action required.

Mike Cornell reviewed the fuel and operating fluids with the Board. Board advised to rebid the fuel and operating fluids and open bids at the May 12th meeting. No action required.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

BOARD SECRETARY

DATE