

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO 1339

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday, May 12, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Randy Maxwell, John Currie, Paul Jefts

Members Absent: None

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 April 28, 2009 and May 4, 2009 were approved as written.

Diana Burgess, Grant Township Supervisor was present to discuss the 19 Mile Road East of 160th Avenue estimate. Grant Township residents were present and voiced their opposition to the project. No action required.

At 9:15 a.m. Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded a motion to open the public hearing for the STP, TEDF and Economic Stimulus Funds. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director informed the public what the funds were and what projects are being submitted for those funds. Kenn Vredenburg, Austin Township Supervisor discussed the Pierce Road project with Board. John Boyd, Village of Stanwood discussed the Village concerns with the Board. No action required.

At 9:30 a.m Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded a motion to close the public hearing. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded a motion to approve Resolution #09-03 to receive funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

At 9:31 a.m. Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded a motion to open and read bids received for operating fluids and motor fuel. Bids will be read and placed on file for the review of the administrative staff and if and when awarded, will be in the best interest of Mecosta County. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Maxine McClelland, Big Rapids Township Supervisor was present to discuss the WMRPC request for funding and the 18 Mile Road project. Ms. McClelland informed the Board that funding may be available for the 18 Mile Road project through Category A funds with their help, which would include an engineer doing an estimate. Ms. McClelland also requested that the Board construct that road to be a Class A (year around) road when finished. No action required.

At 10:00 a.m. Karl Koivisto, MDOT was present to discuss with the Board the following issues; 1) Incident/Management request, putting permanent signs on 9 Mile and 90th Avenue; 2) Alternate detour route down 11 Mile Road during M-20 construction; 3) 90th Avenue estimate cost share from MDOT due to detour for M-20 Schrader Creek flooding. Board advised Mr. Koivisto they do not want permanent signs put on 9 Mile Road and 90th Avenue for emergency detours, but would agree to temporary signs that could be put up if an emergency detour is needed. Board informed Mr. Koivisto they do not want to list 11 Mile Road as an alternate detour route during the M-20 construction. Mr. Koivisto informed the Board MDOT cannot help fund the repairs on 90th Avenue at this time but they may be able to help when MDOT repairs Schrader Creek in the future as then 90th Avenue would be used as a long term detour route. Mr. Koivisto provided the Board with an update to the M-20 project and informed them it would open to 9 Mile Road by Memorial Day. Mr. Koivisto also informed the Board that 8 Mile Road is being repaired. No action required.

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Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director discussed her meeting with the DEQ and Fishery Department at 180th Avenue with the Board. Art Ranger, P.S. and Cliff Youngs, P.E. will be working on the project. No action required.

Brad Van Manen, Van Manen Petroleum Group discussed the fuel bids with the Board. No action required.

Ken Vredenburg, Austin Township Supervisor discussed the Pierce Road project that would be funded through Federal funds with the Board. Mr. Vredenburg also discussed the black tops that are breaking up due to not enough shoulder gravel on them. No action required.

Jim Peak, Green Township requested seal coating on 18 Mile Road from 205th to Northland Drive and Spruce from 205th east. Mr. Peak also requested an estimate for a grade project on 230th Avenue between 22 Mile and 23 Mile Road. Board advised Township to consider doing an overlaying project on Round Lake Road. No action required.

Supervisors meeting at 11:30 a.m. present: Jim Johnson, Frank Randall and Mike Cornell. The Board was updated on maintenance issues. Board was informed that a berm of asphalt was being put around the sand pad at the Big Rapids garage to stop the drainage from going to the west drain, a drain was capped by the sand pad at the Remus garage to eliminate drainage going into it, and Jim Johnson recommended they pour cement higher than pad at the Morley garage sand pad. Jim Johnson requested to put additional brine in strips down the middle in the townships that were only receiving one round, Board advised against it. No action required.

Mike Cornell, Maintenance Supervisor discussed the following with the Board; 1) Safety Committee would like to do safety incentives quarterly; 2) The leased building in regards to the broken windows, Board advised to board them up; 3) The old trucks parked in locked fence were vandalized with some having cracked windows, Board advised not to fix windows in trucks; 4) Cost to install a door on cage to be locked; 5) Purchase of spare tires for new grader; 6) Service Tech wages vs. Mechanic wages; 7) Graders and getting the moldboards fixed. No action required.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:20 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director informed the Board that Aetna Township will pay for every project that they listed if Road Commission will do a cost share on 200th Avenue. No action required.

Board reviewed finances. John Currie moved and Paul Jefts seconded a motion to approve voucher 5/13/2009 for payment in the amount of \$131,644.46 as presented to the Board. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director discussed the 2009 project priority list with the Board. Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded a motion to overlay 205th Avenue between 14 Mile and 15 Mile Road. Two (2) yeas (Jefts, Currie) and one (1) nay (Maxwell), motion carried.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director and Mike Maneke, Superintendent will provide an updated list of current projects that have been approved for the Board at the next regular meeting. No action required.

Board reviewed the dust control contracts from Mecosta and Grant Townships. Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded a motion to sign the Grant Township dust control contract that included one additional round. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried. Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded a motion to sign the Mecosta Township dust control contract that included two additional rounds. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

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Mike Maneke, Superintendent reviewed the Dwight Street, Chippewa Township estimate with the Board. Estimate included replacing the catch basin on the north side and pouring concrete to connect the north side basin with the south side basin and replace underground culvert. Board advised to get the permit and complete the job. No action required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director reviewed with the Board the following; 1) DEQ response; 2) 2009 capital outlay; 3) ARRA funding and invoice; 4) Paul Bunyan meeting May 21st, Joyce Kuipers and Randy Maxwell attending; 5) MCRCSIP Board meeting May 14 & 15th; 6) CRAM Legislative Conference May 14th, John Currie attending; 7) MCRCSIP Annual Membership meeting, July 15th & 16th, Joyce Kuipers and Randy Maxwell attending, Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded a motion to designate Joyce Kuipers as the voting delegate with Randy Maxwell the alternate voting delegate for the MCRCSIP Annual Membership Meeting. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the incident/accident report. No action required.

Board reviewed correspondence. No action required.

Board discussed the safety appreciation day approved for Friday July 10, 2009 at the Mecosta County Fair for all employees and their families. An evening cook out, bands for rides and admission to the derby will be included. Board advised to post a sign up sheet on boards at both garages and provide a flyer with next payroll checks. No action required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent discussed two failed culverts with the Board. First failed culvert is located on 80th Avenue, Chippewa Township and has collapsed in the middle and will cause the road to sink. Board advised to get a cost from contractor to replace that culvert. The seconded failed culvert is located on 4 Mile Road, Austin Township. Mr. Maneke informed Board he is still looking into doing this culvert in house. No action required.

Board discussed the trucks that are ear marked to be sold. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded a motion to sell one of those trucks to the Mecosta County Fair Board for the amount of \$5,000. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Jefts, Maxwell) and one (1) abstained (Currie), motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

BOARD SECRETARY

DATE