

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO 1397

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday, April 13, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: John Currie, Randy Maxwell, 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 March 23, and March 31, 2010 were approved as written.

County Commissioner, Jerry Williams informed the Board that residents at Evans Lake would like a reduce speed sign posted. Board advised they would take a look at it. No action required.

Julie Austin, Chippewa Township Treasurer discussed North Chippewa Lake Drive and its condition with the Board. Ms. Austin reported it has heaved badly. Mike Maneke, Superintendent informed the Board and Ms. Austin that as soon as the asphalt plant opens for season it will be fixed. No action required.

Jim Quinlan, Morton Township Supervisor was present to discuss road projects in particular Buchanan, M-20 at Schrader Creek, and 90th Avenue. Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director informed Mr. Quinlan that Buchanan has been submitted for a project through Safety Funds. If approved it would be for the 2011 or 2012 construction season. The State is moving forward and has submitted M-20 through the Main Street Funds. The 90th Avenue detour route for M-20 would be included in that process. No action required.

Jim Fidler, Animal Solutions was present to introduce himself to the Board and inform them he is interested in trapping beaver for the County in the future. No action required.

Jonathan Mulder, Kamp Oil, Inc. was present and informed the Board that the operating fluids sold by his company are virgin oils and not refined. No action required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent discussed estimates for requested road projects from the following Townships with the Board; 1) Wheatland Township; paving the streets of Remus, and 10th Avenue between 7 and 6 Mile Road gravel haul; 2) Green Township; Round Lake Road 190th Avenue to Fir Drive, and 205th Avenue from Spruce to 19 Mile Road; 3) Grant Township; Oak Road, and 21 Mile Road between 160th and 170th Avenue. No action required.

Board reviewed the brine contract from Sheridan Township. Randy Maxwell moved and no one person seconded a motion to approve signing the brine contract with Sheridan Township for one additional application of dust control for the 2010 season. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Toni Kailing, Fleet Maintenance Supervisor was present to discuss the annual fuel bids. Board requested more information in regards to brand of fuel bidders were bidding to be brought back at a later time. No action required.

Board reviewed the cost for the school crossing sign that was requested for 50th Avenue, St. Michael's School. Board advised staff to order and install the sign north of God's Helping Hands. No action required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director informed the Board that the building in Millbrook has been taken down and that Millbrook Road is now open. No action required.

Board reviewed incident/accident report. No action required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent informed the Board that he, Paul Jefts, and John Price, Price and Company met at 13 Mile Road between 60th and 75th Avenue to evaluate the road. Mr. Maneke stated he is waiting for a cost from Price on using fabric for the repairs. No action required.

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Gayle Pratt, MCRCSIP and Dirk Young, CBIZ Valuation Group were present to discuss the appraisals with the Board. No action required.

At 11:30 a.m. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing DEQ litigation issues with the attorney. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

At 12:30 p.m. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded a motion to go back to regular session. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Paul Jefts moved and no one person seconded a motion to authorize Charlie Denton, Attorney to negotiate a settlement with the DNRE not to exceed \$30, 315.00. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Jefts, Currie), one (1) nay (Maxwell), motion carried.

Art Ranger, Surveyor was present to discuss the 18 Mile Road and Northland Drive intersection improvements being part of the 18 Mile Road project. Mr. Ranger submitted two proposals for the intersection; one needing to purchase additional property designed by MDOT, and one not needing additional property designed by Mr. Ranger per Cliff Youngs, P.E. request. Mr. Ranger advised the design that did not need additional property would work. No action required.

Meeting recessed at 12:55 p.m. Board went on Spring Ride Around to look at various roads in Mecosta County.

Meeting reconvened in Board Room at 5:35 p.m.

Board reviewed the driveway plans for Professional Dental's new building site on 9 Mile Road, Morton Township. No action required.

Board reviewed the annual fuel bid. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded a motion to award the fuel bid to Lemmen Oil Company provided they use Shell fuel and include written proof of rack price. Roll call vote of three yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the probationary employee review. No action required.

Board advised Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director to schedule a meeting with the union to discuss contract negotiations. No action required.

Board reviewed the request to submit proposals for employee benefits. Board advised Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director to get proposals for employee benefits. No action required.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded a motion to approve voucher 4/14/2010 for payment in the amount of \$414,644.96 as presented to the Board. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director discussed current staffing levels with the Board. No action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

BOARD SECRETARY

DATE