

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO 1887

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday, February 13, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: John Currie, Van Johnson, Mike Wernette

Members Absent: None

Member Present from Board of County Commissioners: Jerrilynn Strong

Administrative Staff Present: Tim Nestle, Superintendent/Manager and Elizabeth Bramer, Finance Director/Board Secretary

Minutes from January 9, 2018 were approved as written.

Jerrilynn Strong presented a few updates throughout the County.

Josh Buchanan from Michigan Cat and Jack LaForge from ALTA were both present to talk to the board about the skid steer bid tabs. Both parties offered information about their skid steers and accessories and included leasing options as well. After discussion, Mike Wernette moved and Van Johnson seconded a motion to lease a 2018 Gehl skid steer and to purchase the accessories from ALTA. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Elizabeth Bramer reviewed the finances and cash flow with the Board.

Tim Nestle went over the upcoming 2018 project list. Specifically, the addition of 23 mile road between 120th – 105th and the deletion of 16 mile road between 157th – 172nd were presented. The addition of 16 mile road at a later date contingent on finances and cash flow was discussed.

Tim Nestle presented the Board with seven estimates for various township projects throughout the County. It was suggested to go from 3 inch to 2 inch pulverization to decrease estimate/actual costs so more townships will be willing to participate in projects.

Jerrilynn Strong and John Currie discussed some hazardous areas within the County that need attention.

Jim Chapman, Green Township Supervisor, formally requested 22 mile to be plowed on Sundays so that parishioners can attend church at St. Anne's.

The Board reviewed bid tabs for a shop hoist. With only one bid coming in \$100,000 over budget another bid request will be sent out.

Tim Nestle discussed the current 2018 capital outlay list. A welder for the shop was purchased and status of army trucks being purchased through the GSA program was discussed further. Purchasing a used roller on capital outlay in 2019 was presented. Van Johnson moved and Mike

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Wernette seconded a motion to set a budget to purchase a service truck for up to \$60,000. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Tim Nestle went over the brine cost analysis which indicated that it cost approximately \$194.13 per mile. The Board agreed to leave the cost for the Townships at \$100.00 per mile for the second and third rounds of brine.

The Township meeting that will be held in Chippewa Township had an original proposed date of April 19th at 6:30 p.m. which was then presented to be moved to April 26th at 6:30 p. m. Letters are expected to go out next month.

Halliday Sand and Gravel sent a letter stating that they are extending their 2016 bid prices for the 2018 season. Mike Wernette moved and Van Johnson seconded a motion to extend Halliday Sand and Gravel 2016 bid prices for this upcoming year. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Tim Nestle and the Board reviewed potential candidates for the engineering position through the City of Big Rapids.

Tim Nestle discussed hiring Michael R. Kluck & Associates for the Road Commissions Labor Law attorney. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion that Tim Nestle sign the contract with Michael R. Kluck & Associates. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Tim Nestle went over MCRCSIP battery disconnect mandate and the new updates that are in effect.

The Board reviewed the incident/accident report.

The Board reviewed Frank Randall's, Remus District Supervisor, official notice of retirement on December 14th, 2018. Some discussion of hiring for his position in the future was presented.

The Board pulled in Big Rapids District Foreman, Jason Erickson, to discuss new employee performance and behavior. An update on all activities were presented.

Tim Nestle went over the CRA's Legislative Reception and the 2018 Great Lakes Expo coming up this spring. Conversation of sending Jon Firman and Gene Heintzelman was suggested.

Gene Heintzelman, Shop Foreman, reported to the Board the status of the fleet and the work that has been performed over the last month.

The Board reviewed the vouchers. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to approve the vouchers for 1/23/2018 for payment in the amount of \$44,970.24 and

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vouchers for 2/13/2018 for payment in the amount of \$427,549.00 as presented. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Elizabeth Bramer discussed bidding out for new Employee Benefit Agents for the upcoming healthcare renewal on July 1st, 2018. Wanting to offer optical and dental to employees was presented. She also informed the Board that MERS will do an internal actuarial for free for the potential conversion to the Defined Contribution plan. With that, the Board stated that with this new plan employees will be required to contribute 5%. The Board gave the go ahead to the pursue the actuarial.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

BOARD SECRETARY

DATE