

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO 1886

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

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.

Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to appoint John Currie, Chairman of the Board. With a vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

John Currie moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to appoint Van Johnson as Vice Chairman of the Board. With a vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to allow the Chairman to enter into debate; that the Chairman be allowed to make and/or support any motion; to allow the Chairman to vote on all questions; and public comment is limited to 5 minutes unless waived by the Chairman. With a vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Van Johnson moved and John Currie seconded a motion to appoint Elizabeth Bramer, Board Secretary for 2018. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Minutes from December 28, 2017 were approved as written.

Kelly Cushway, Green Township Trustee was present and informed the board of payment and performance bonds in regards to township projects. Kelly also expressed his concerns regarding Ash Drive and 20 mile regarding road run-offs and its need for salt and sand in that area. Kelly also addressed 190th and Houselake road and the need for a stop sign at that intersection.

Julie Austin, Chippewa Township Treasurer was present and asked about a speed study performed on Chippewa Lake Road. Current speed in that area is set at 40 mph and was informed by Tim Nestle that the State Police would increase the speed to 45 mph based on traffic count and speed if study was pursued. A \$50,000 commitment for the 23 Mile Road Project was discussed with the Board. Hosting a spring meeting with all the Townships and County Commissioners with a presentation by the State Police, hosted at Chippewa Township was discussed. A date of April 19th, 2018 at 6:30 pm was considered.

Jerrilynn Strong informed the Board of who are the 2018 elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the County.

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Elizabeth Bramer reviewed the finances and cash flow with the Board and discussed the continuation of the additional employer contribution of \$50,000 per month towards the MERS defined benefit unfunded liability. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to continue putting \$50,000 per month towards the MERS unfunded liability. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Tim Nestle reviewed the 2018 Project list with the Board. No projects at this time were approved.

Board reviewed Resolution #18-01. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to authorize MDOT to make additions and deletions to the Road System of Mecosta County. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

2018 bid tab for tandem axle accessories were reviewed by the Board. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to purchase three dump box with v-box spreaders from Truck and Trailer Specialties for a total cost of \$343,149. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

The Board reviewed a cost analysis of buying new Tandem Axles versus trucks through a program called GSA. Tim Nestle discussed with the Board purchasing military trucks from Puerto Rico, off a military base through the GSA program. Tim also discussed the idea of calling someone local in Puerto Rico to confirm the truck condition before purchasing them. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to purchase up to six trucks from GSA, pending condition of trucks available for purchase for a total cost of \$240,000. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the 2018 Capital Outlay list. Tim Nestle discussed the condition of the fleet and what equipment needs would benefit the Road Commission the most. A Service Truck, Shop Hoist, and Wire Feed Welder were some of the assets discussed. Mike Wernette moved and Van Johnson seconded a motion to purchase a Wire Feed Welder from a local business for a total cost up to \$6,000. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the incident/accident report.

Tim Nestle discussed major asset improvements that the Road Commission should start preparing for. Additions to the Morley and Remus garage, along with, salt and sand sheds were discussed. The idea of a build fund was presented.

Tim Nestle discussed the wetland mitigation and how we will be in the design phase. The Board discussed how this mitigation could be a source of revenue in the future.

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The Board reviewed the vouchers. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to approve the vouchers for 1/9/2018 for payment in the amount of \$119,262.57 as presented. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

The Board reviewed MAPSI, Midwest Advanced Public Service Institute, a training seminar for Tim Nestle to attend in New Buffalo, Michigan from April 15th-18th. Sending Tim next year was discussed.

The Board voted for the CRA ballot for Board of Directors.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

BOARD SECRETARY

DATE