

MINUTES OF THE BOARD  
OF  
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO 1899

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday, May 15, 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, Manager/Superintendent and Connie Larson, Interim Board Secretary.

Minutes from April 18, 2018 and April 24, 2018 were approved as written.

Board reviewed the contract for the sale of the property on 125<sup>th</sup> Avenue south of Jefferson to Full Quiver Farms. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to authorize the Superintendent/Manager to sign the contract pending Attorney's approval for the sale of the 125<sup>th</sup> property. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Connie Larson reviewed the finances with the Board.

Board was updated on the status of the surplus trucks that were purchased.

Tim Nestle discussed Friday overtime with the Board.

Tim Nestle reviewed the 2018 Project list with the Board. Getting Jon Firman, Engineer Technician certified to test HMA was discussed. Getting a cost to pulverize and pave 172<sup>nd</sup> Avenue from 16 Mile Road to M-20 for Morningstar Enterprises and Colfax Township was discussed. A cost for one inch of pavement for Morningstar's and a cost for two inches of pavement for Colfax Township to do a cost share in making it a Class A road. Board dropped 155<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 4 Mile and 5 Mile off the list to be turned back to gravel per Hinton Township's request.

Tim Nestle informed the Board of the following; 1) Michigan Pavement still have not settled on what repairs they will do from the 2016 projects that had issues. 2) Spruce Road structure replacement bids went out, and bids will be opened at the next regular board meeting.

Board reviewed the dust control contracts from Mecosta and Hinton Townships. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to approve signing the dust control contracts with Mecosta and Hinton Townships. With a vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Tim Nestle presented contracts from Big Rapids Township to the Board. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to enter into contract with Big Rapids Township for Various Pave and Chip Seal Projects. With a vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD  
OF  
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO1900

Tim Nestle presented a contract from Green Township to the Board for a pulverize and pave on Round Lake Road; 190<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Fir Drive. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to enter into contract with Green Township to pulverize and pave Round Lake Road; 190<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Fir Drive. With a vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the estimate for Deerfield Township to pulverize and pave 155<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 3 Mile Road to Little Muskegon Bridge. Tim Nestle stated that Deerfield Township would like to do a cost share on this project with the Road Commission. Deerfield Township would like to contribute \$40,000.00 with the rest paid for by the Road Commission. Tim will look at the project.

Tim Nestle reviewed the MiWB Expense Reimbursement Agreement for the mitigation site of 100 acres at Bauman Pit with the Board. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to sign the MiWB expense reimbursement agreement for funding a mitigation site at Bauman Pit. With a vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Tim Nestle reviewed the the ACT51 Report with the Board. Tim informed the Board that the auditor did not have any concerns. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to accept the 2017 ACT 51 report and authorize the Chairman to sign it. With a vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Tim Nestle reviewed the TAMAC Road & Bridge Annual report with the Board.

Tim Nestle discussed the CRA white paper on “best practices” for county road agencies addressing unfunded liabilities Public Act 202 of 2017 with the Board. OPEB unfunded liability will be looked at.

Board reviewed the County Road Association’s suggested Road Commission Code of Conduct being recommended by CRA for agencies to adopt.

Board reviewed the incident/accident report.

Board reviewed correspondence.

Board reviewed the vouchers. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to approve the vouchers for 4/25/18 for payment in the amount of \$3704.13 and vouchers for 5/14/18 for payment in the amount of \$476,659.10 as presented. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Tim Nestle discussed the number of people retiring before years end with the Board. Filling positions was discussed.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD  
OF  
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO 1901

Tim Nestle informed the Board that Big Rapids Township is discussing road projects for 2019 and would like to know if the Road Commission would do a cost share to pulverize and pave Madison; City limits to 220<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Tim stated that Big Rapids Township would be willing to pay up to \$200,000 if the Road Commission would cover the remaining cost for that project.

Gene Heintzelman, Fleet Maintenance Supervisor was present to review the annual tire bids with the Board. Government pricing was discussed.

Interviews were held for a Finance Director's position. The Board interviewed the following; Aaron Elenbaas, Amber Snow, Amy Kailing, Gregg Sanders, and Quincy Jones.

At 1:15 p.m. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to go into closed session to discuss contract negotiations with Attorney. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

At 3:00 p.m. Board moved back into general session.

Board reviewed the Austin Township contract for a gravel project on 7 Mile; Front Street to 170<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to enter into contract with Austin Township for a gravel project on 7 Mile Road; Front Street to 170<sup>th</sup> Avenue. With a vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board discussed the Finance Director's position. Van Johnson moved and Mike Wernette seconded a motion to offer the Finance Director's position to Amy Kailing with a salary of \$40,000 that includes a six-month job evaluation. With a vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board scheduled a Special Meeting to be held June 5, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss contract negotiations and review benefits.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_  
CHAIRMAN

\_\_\_\_\_  
BOARD SECRETARY

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE