

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO 1912

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday, 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 Amy Kailing, Finance Director/Clerk.

Minutes from August 21, 2018 were approved as written.

Bruce Cummings from Martiny Township asked how MCRC bills for non-regulatory traffic control signs. The township is to pay for sign, post and labor. Morton Township is paying for the bicycle signs that were installed in Martiny Township.

Sue Mumby asked for clarification on the right of way of roads and who owns the trees in the road right of way. She was informed that the land owner can do as they wish with the trees in the road right of way.

Mike Sweeney asked if 10th Ave is going to be turned back into gravel. He suggested MCRC look into changing to the speed limit for trucks to 35 MPR year-round.

Jackie Fitzgerald, Mecosta County Drain Commissioner informed the Board the Blanchard Intercounty Drain project will be starting soon. The Drain Commission is going to have Tonkin Drain surveyed and is hoping the 13 Mile Culvert can wait until spring. Jackie informed the Board that they can petition Mecosta County for a drain to be put in Lynwood Lane. Jackie asked the Board to consider ditching 75th Ave to help Stevens Drain.

Jerrilynn Strong informed the board they are still in negotiations and the county is working on the budget.

Amy Kailing reviewed financials with the Board. Amy also presented a Budget Revision to the Board. Van Johnson motioned, and Mike Wernette seconded approving the Budget Revision.

Tim Nestle informed the Board that projects are on hold until the strike with MITA and Operating Engineers Local 324 is resolved.

The Board discussed the ongoing issue of a resident changing their address from James Ave to Youngs Lake.

Tim reviewed LS Engineering's solution to the Lynwood Ln Drain issue. It was proposed to raise the road, ditch the sides and add culverts which would cost about \$70,000. The residents

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opposed the suggestion and asked that MCRC fix the pipe that is currently there. The Board would like prices on boring a 6" pipe.

The Board discussed finishing the Morley Brine Tanker which will cost \$30,000-\$35,000. Van Johnson motioned, and Mike Wernette seconded the motion to finish the Morley Brine Tanker. Motion carried with a roll call vote of (3) yeas.

The Board discussed possibly purchasing surplus trucks. It was approved for Tim and Gene to go look at the trucks.

Tim informed the Board that they would have to rebid the building of our trucks because Truck and Trailers bid was only for the trucks they're currently doing.

Connie Larson informed the Board that according to MERS all our part time employees qualify for MERS benefits if they worked more than 10 full time days a month, which means MCRC and the employee would each pay 4.7% of the employee's wages at the time of service if they're awarded service credit for the time the employee was not compensated for. Van Johnson motioned, and Mike Wernette seconded awarding Connie 11 months service credit.

The Incident/Accident Report was reviewed by the Board.

The Board approved advertising for the supervisor position in Remus.

The Board reviewed the vouchers. Van Johnson motioned, and Mike Wernette seconded the motion to approve the voucher for 9/18/18 for payment in the amount of \$812,381.05. Roll call vote of (3) yeas, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:48am.

CHAIRMAN

BOARD SECRETARY

DATE