

MINUTES OF THE BOARD  
OF  
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO. 001231

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Paul Jefts, Randy Maxwell, and John Currie.

Members Absent: None

Member Present from Board of County Commissioners: Jerry Williams.

Administrative Staff Present: Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, Mike Maneke, Superintendent, and Brooke Steiner, Clerk.

Sue McLaughlin, Gloria McLaughlin, and George McLaughlin, Chippewa Township residents, were all present to discuss with the Board in regards to the barricade at the access for Pogy Lake in Chippewa Township. Mr. McLaughlin stated that he went and purchased a soil erosion permit at the Drain Commission and then stopped over at the Road Commission but was closed. Board advised to have Jim Knapp, Surveyor, go out and stake the 33' right of way to see if the barricade is in the right of way. No Action Required.

Steve Lobert, Attorney, was present to discuss with the Board the fence in the right of way by the deer farm on 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue that is owned by Roger Card. Mr. Lobert stated that Mr. Card is willing to sign a letter stating that if 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue is ever upgraded that at that time he would remove the fence out of the right of way. Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to have Roger Card remove his fence out of the road right of way within 60 days from July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Jim and Diane Grunst, Grant Township residents, were present to discuss with the Board Young's Lake Road. Mr. Grunst stated that he had Mid Michigan Surveying come in and survey Lot #1. Mr. Grunst also stated that the Road Commission has been maintaining the portion of Lot #1 through Lot #50 since the 1940's. Young's Lake Road from Lot 50 back in is all private and Lot #1 to Lot #50 is public due to highway by user statute. Board advised to keep maintaining the road as the Road Commission has currently been doing. No Action Required.

Ed Burch, Engineer, was present to discuss with the Board in regards to 9 Mile Road Bridge project. Mr. Burch stated the bridge opened on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007. Mr. Burch also stated that a portion of asphalt from the wing wall to the shoulder was not included in the project and was wondering if it could be paved now. Board advised to go ahead and finish getting the bridge paved. No Action Required.

Randy Maxwell moved and John Currie seconded motion to approve voucher 7/10/2007 for payment in the amount of \$261,197.92. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent, updated the Board on 2007 projects as follows: 1) Hoover Road from 200<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Northland Drive and 160<sup>th</sup> Avenue North of 21 Mile and 22 Mile have been Pulverized and will be pulverizing 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue North Chippewa to 20 Mile Road, 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 18 to 19 Mile, and Arthur Road from M-66 to 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue the rest of the week; and 2) Eichenberg has started on Monroe Road East of Northland Drive to 162<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. No Action Required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, updated the Board on the meeting with Road Commission, MDOT, and Jim Dague, St. Michaels, in regards to the M-20 and 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersection in Wheatland Township. MDOT is planning to cut the hill 4' and put in a turning lane on the south side of the road. No Action Required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, updated the Board on 183<sup>rd</sup> Avenue in Big Rapids Township (Tim Mudrak, Bill Boone, and Brian Galloup) situation. Mrs. Kuipers stated that Brian Galloup stopped in and picked up the application for Road abandonment. No Action Required.

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Board reviewed the county line road jurisdiction issue. Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, stated she has been in contact with Cliff Youngs, Engineer - Osceola County Road Commission, trying to get it resolved. Mrs. Kuipers recommended getting jurisdiction of Meceola Road from 70<sup>th</sup> to 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Meceola Road West of 160<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Osceola County Road Commission. Board advised to go ahead. No Action Required.

Brooke Steiner, Clerk, presented the financial reports to the Board. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the correspondence from City of Big Rapids in regards to construction projects on East Maple Street and Dekraft Avenue. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration inspection report. No Fines were reported. No Action Required.

Board reviewed the incident/accident report. No Action Required.

Minutes from June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007 were approved as written. No Action Required.

Supervisor's meeting at 11:02 a.m. present: Frank Randall, Charlie Cornell, Bob Thumser, and Mike Simon.

Supervisors updated the Board on patching, cutting trees and brush, blading, replacing culverts, shoulder maintenance, ditching, brining, mowing, putting shoulder gravel down, sweeping intersections, hauling tubes, repairing guardrail, hauling potatoe stone, and fixing trucks. No Action Required.


Mike Maneke, Superintendent, updated the Board on the following items: 1) went out to see Bob Krieger, Wheatland Township resident, in regards to the fence in right of way on 6 Mile Road and 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Mr. Krieger was not home at the time so Mr. Maneke left a card for him to call. Mr. Krieger called and said he would remove the fence when he got back from vacation. No Action Required.

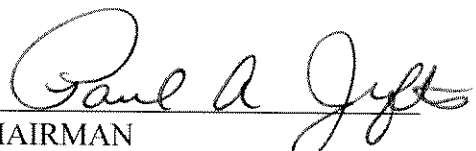
Meeting recessed for lunch at 11:34 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

Board reviewed the administrative staff review. No Action Taken.

Meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

  
SECRETARY

  
CHAIRMAN

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