

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF
MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

NO 1406

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held in their offices in the City of Big Rapids, Michigan on Tuesday, May 25, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: John Currie, Randy Maxwell, Paul Jefts

Members Absent: None

Member Present from Board of County Commissioners: Art Aldeman

Administrative Staff Present: Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director, Mike Maneke, Superintendent, and Connie Larson, Board Secretary.

Minutes from May 11, 2010 were approved as written.

Clare Kwant, Grant Township resident was present to discuss Round Lake Road, Green Township. Mr. Kwant requested the Board give this road more consideration and also requested they participate in a cost share with Green Township to repave. Board informed Mr. Kwant that this road is on the project list and advised him that they will look at it in the fall as originally planned. No action required.

Board reviewed the dust control contracts from Aetna, Austin, Deerfield, Grant, and Wheatland Townships. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded a motion to approve signing the dust control contracts with Aetna Township for one additional application, Austin Township for two additional applications, Deerfield Township for one additional application, and Wheatland Township for one additional application of brine for 2010. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Paul Jefts moved and John Currie seconded a motion to acknowledge that Grant Township does not want any additional applications of brine at this time. Roll call vote of two (2) yeas, (Jefts, Currie), one (1) nay (Maxwell), motion carried.

At 5:15 p.m. Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded a motion to open the public hearing for the STP, and TEDF Category D Funds. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director reviewed the list of projects the Road Commission will submit for the use of their funds with the Board. Karen Brewster, Director of MOTA presented the list of projects they will submit for use of their funds to the Board.

Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded a motion to close the public hearing. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded a motion to approve Resolution #10-04 to submit projects for Federal STP/TDEF funding. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the contracts from Wheatland Township for a gravel haul on 10th Avenue, and paving the streets of Remus. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded a motion to approve signing the contracts with Wheatland Township for the gravel haul on 10th Avenue and the paving project on the streets of Remus with the Township at no cost to the Road Commission. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Board reviewed the contract with Fenstermacher Asphalt Paving for sand and disposal of trees on 18 Mile Road. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded a motion to sign the contract with Fenstermacher Asphalt Paving for approximately 3,800 cyds. of sand at \$1.00 per cyd. and disposal of all the thorn apple trees for payment in the amount of \$500.00 on 18 Mile Road. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

At 5:30 p.m. Todd Csernai and Lisa Dettloff, Lerner Financial presented a health care benefit package to the Board. No action required.

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Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director reviewed the following with the Board; 1) Campaign school for local road mileages; 2) HEC-RAS training for engineering; 3) MCRCSIP board candidacy extension; 4) MCRCSIP Annual Conference, Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded a motion to name Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director as voting delegate, and Randy Maxwell as alternate voting delegate for the Annual Conference. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director presented copies of the Treasury Audit for 2009 to the Board. No action required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director reviewed the Wheatland Township Resolution regarding Shade Street with the Board. Ms. Kuipers informed the Board that Shade Street (20 ft. by 221 ft.) in the village of Remus is not a County Road as was thought. The Township would like to give this street to the Road Commission. Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded a motion to except the resolution for Shade Street if corrected to state they are giving the road to the Mecosta County Road Commission instead of Mecosta County. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director informed the Board that the lease agreement with David Marek for the 18 acres in Grant Township has expired. Paul Jefts moved and no one person seconded a motion to enter into a new lease contract with David Marek for the 18 acres in Grant Township with the same terms as in the past (5 year lease, \$325.00 annually). Roll call vote of two (2) yeas (Jefts, Currie), one (1) nay (Maxwell), motion carried.

Board reviewed the incident/accident report. No action required.

Board discussed the HSA and Retiree health information. Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director reported that at the health care meeting on May 24th the committee voted to support the HSA plan. The Board advised to set up the HSA through Chemical Bank, and to contact Roy Farrell, Employee Benefit Services to set a date he can come speak with the retirees. No action required.

Board reviewed correspondence. No action required.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director informed the Board that Martiny Township wants to do option two for an overlay east of 75th Avenue on 13 Mile Road. A contract has been sent. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded a motion to approve the signing of the contract with Martiny Township for 13 Mile Road if the Township signs it. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Joyce Kuipers, Managing Director informed the Board of the following; 1) Big Rapids Township informed Road Commission of a permit submitted by Mr. Mudrak. There appears to be an issue with Mr. Boon and Mr. Mudrak regarding the utility easement on 183rd. Board advised Mike Maneke, Superintendent to see if a driveway permit was required; 2) MERS needs information regarding the Currie request.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent discussed the removal of the stumps on 190th Avenue and 22 Mile Road with the Board. Board advised to get quotes for grinding the stumps on the trees closest to the road. Board also advised to cut the trees away from the road way flush to the ground. Board advised to have Tim Nestle, Engineer Tech get the quotes mentioned above. No action required.

Mike Maneke, Superintendent discussed the Polk Road tree cutting. No action taken.

Board discussed who was going to be responsible for the cost of stumping the trees when doing tree cutting along road ways when requested by Townships. No action taken.

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Mike Maneke, Superintendent informed the Board of the following; 1) 20 Mile Road and 80th Avenue have been paved; 2) The streets of Remus will be done tomorrow 5/26/10; 3) Sealcoating will begin the end of June; 4) He needs clay to do a gravel crush; 5) Started the 18 Mile Road project; 6) Mr. Spedowski on 155th Avenue dropped his plow on 130th Avenue south of 5 Mile Road and did extensive damage to the road. Board advised to put an estimate together for the cost to repair the damaged road and send to Mr. Spedowski. No action required.

At 7:00 p.m. Randy Maxwell moved and Paul Jefts seconded a motion to go into Executive session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

At 7:35 p.m. Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded a motion to move back to regular session. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Paul Jefts moved and Randy Maxwell seconded a motion to approve voucher 5/18/2010 for payment in the amount of \$75.00 and voucher 5/26/2010 for payment in the amount of \$88,873.37 as presented to the Board. Roll call vote of three (3) yeas, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

BOARD SECRETARY

DATE