

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, February 8, 2012  
8:00 a.m.**

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Present: Mr. Douglas Hodge, Chairman; Mr. Dale Duckert, Member

In Attendance: Mr. William Meinz, County Highway Engineer; Mr. Ryan Doyle, Assistant Engineer; Ms. Tami Erickson, Chief Financial Officer; Ms. Linette Daily, Secretary to the Board; Mr. Erick Pearson, Managing Director

Also in attendance: Mr. Charles Buckel, Ms. Nancy Elliott, Mr. Gary Bolzan  
Mr. Douglas Hodge, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**Approve Agenda:**

**020812-022**

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hodge to approve the agenda. Roll Call: Duckert, aye; Hodge, aye Suma, absent. Two ayes. Motion carried.

**Financial Report Review:**

The Board reviewed the accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll check register, and cash statement.

**Consent Agenda:**

**020812-023**

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hodge to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following,

Approve Minutes For:            Regular Meeting 01/25/2012

Approve Payment of Bills:    \$289,021.93

Roll Call: Suma, absent; Duckert, aye; Hodge, aye. Two ayes. Motion carried.

**Manager's Report:**

**020812-024**

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hodge to approve the 2012 Annual Bid Tabulations. Roll Call: Duckert, aye; Hodge, aye Suma, absent. Two ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Pearson spoke about the Stakeholders Meeting that he had attended regarding the South Branch Flint River Watershed Implementation Project. Mr. Pearson explained that the project includes the Peppermill Road Crossing which continues to cause issues in that area. Mr. Pearson stated that there were several departments present for the meeting and it is known that the flooding issue needs to be addressed.

Mr. Pearson stated that there are several bills pending in the legislature that attempt to raise additional funds for roads. Mr. Pearson spoke particularly about House Bill 5300 which calls for an increase in vehicle registration fees by 67%, in which the entirety of those funds eventually end up going to the Commercial Corridor Fund by 2021. Mr. Pearson stated that there are more than eighteen pending bills that could affect the Road Commission, and he will continue to monitor them as they move along.

Mr. Pearson explained that the new used grader had been delivered and was being prepped for our use. Mr. Pearson stated that the crews were spot grading wherever possible on the warmer days. Mr. Pearson stated that there continued to be a lot of tree cutting by the crews and the usual patching.

Mr. Pearson explained that the sign department was installing weight restriction signs in preparation for Frost Laws, but at this time there hasn't been a decision on if or when the Frost Laws would be put into effect.

**Engineering Report:**

Mr. Mainz spoke about the pre-construction meeting that he held for the Lake Nepessing project which is slated to start on June 15, 2012. The road should be open again around the third week of August. At 8:21 a.m. Mr. Suma arrived. Mr. Mainz stated that he is monitoring the weather conditions for Frost Laws. Mr. Mainz also spoke briefly about other projects he is working up for future dates.

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Gary Bolzan

Mr. Bolzan was present to explain to the Board that there is a section of Dryden Road west of Havens that is in need of ditching. Mr. Bolzan explained that he met with the District Foreman and it was stated that the project would only take two or three hours to fix. Mr. Pearson explained that the District Foreman should be able to get this done on his maintenance budget this spring.

Board Discussion:

Mr. Suma stated that he had attended the Blue Water Highway Council Meeting and the group discussed the proposed policies and the Michigan County Road Commission Self-Insurance Pool.

Mr. Suma also spoke about House Bill 5125 and 5126.

Mr. Hodge declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

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Douglas Hodge, Chairman

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Tami Erickson, Acting Board Secretary