

LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, December 23, 2013
4:30 p.m.

Present: Mr. Gary Howell, Chairman; Mr. Dale Duckert, Vice Chairman; Mr. Michael Hemmingsen, Member
In Attendance: Ms. Tami Erickson, Chief Financial Officer; Ms. Linette Daily, Board Secretary; Mr. Erick
Pearson, Managing Director; Mr. Ryan Doyle, County Highway Engineer
Mr. Charles Buckel

Mr. Gary Howell, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Lapeer County Road Commission Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

122313-193

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

122313-194

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for December 11, 2013. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

122313-195

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve disbursements dated December 26, 2013 in the amount of \$203,662.64. Motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Pearson explained that the 2013 Annual Financial Report has been prepared and is ready to forward to MDOT. Ms. Erickson reviewed the report worksheets and asked the Board to review the report for future approval.

Mr. Pearson distributed a letter and worksheets from Huron Consultants regarding the contract modification for the Dryden Road projects. Mr. Pearson stated that he agrees with the modification for the remaining budget for construction engineering. Mr. Doyle explained that he is comfortable with the engineering staff assigned to the project.

Mr. Pearson gave an update on the ice storm that hit the Lapeer County on Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Pearson explained that the crews worked on Saturday and Sunday opening up the roads with blades and swipes. The crews are now working on tree removal to get the roads more opened up. Mr. Pearson commended the crews as this weekend has been a tough one on them and they are doing on great job. Mr. Pearson went on to state that tree removal is hard and dangerous work, and he appreciates all of the effort.

Mr. Pearson went on to state that he has been working with DTE and Kappen to get the trees removed from the roadways and away from the power lines. At this time, Kappen has a crew assigned for each garage. Mr. Pearson stated that he has also called in contractors with brush axes to help clear the roadways.

Mr. Pearson explained that he has moved the Christmas Holiday to December 26 instead of December 24 in order to keep working at clearing the roadways, so the residents will be able to travel up and down the roads. It was stated that the temperatures are going to stay cold, so the ice will continue to be a problem. Mr. Pearson reported that the winter maintenance expenses are already at \$300,000 for this year and that does not include the salt usage for Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Howell stated that he received two comments about the Road Commission over the weekend, and they were both complimentary.

Mr. Pearson reported that the County Commission has approved a 2% increase for elected officials, which includes the Road Commissioners.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Mr. Doyle asked the Board to approve two haul route agreements. Mr. Doyle stated that the Haul Route for Don Sisson is for hauling Class B Seasonal Loads on Blacks Corners Road from the facility entrance south on Blacks Corners Road to Bowers Road, then east on Bowers Road to Van Dyke Road. Mr. Doyle explained that this haul route is seldom used.

Mr. Doyle then stated that the second haul route agreement is for Mr. Ken Measel for hauling Class A, All Weather loads on Willis Road, from M-53 easterly approximately 2 miles to the Measel Supply facility entrance.

122313-196

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to approve the Haul Route Agreement for Don Sisson in Goodland Township. Motion carried.

122313-197

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to approve the Haul Route Agreement for Measel Supply in Burnside Township. Motion carried.

Mr. Doyle stated that he met with the Karegnondi group, and they have changed their plans to work in the green belt of the right of way, which is outside the influence of the road. Mr. Doyle went on to state that there are three situations that they have to use one lane or both lanes of the roadway for the pipeline. Mr. Doyle stated that he is not interested in having two lanes that are different in structure. Mr. Doyle explained that the project has now been pushed back nine weeks from the projected start date.

Mr. Doyle stated that he attended the CRAM PR meeting and explained that the Rural Task Force structure is changing to allow MDOT to not be as involved in the allocation of the funds for the Task Force.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mr. Duckert thanked the crews for all of the hours they have put in and knows that they don't receive enough "thank yous".

Mr. Duckert stated that he wanted to comment about the efficient way the four-way stop at M-21 and M-53 moved along while the traffic signal was out.

Mr. Howell stated that he and Mr. Pearson attended that MTA meeting and he was able to present the ORV map to those that were present. Mr. Howell stated that he did not receive any negative comments.

Ms. Daily presented the Board with information regarding the Local Road Millage Ballot Campaign Workshop. Mr. Doyle, Mr. Howell and Mr. Hemmingsen will attend.

Mr. Hemmingsen asked to move Mr. Pearson's performance review to January 8, 2014 as he will not be present at the January 6, 2014 meeting.

Organization

Commissioner Hemmingsen nominated Commissioner Howell for Chairman and Mr. Duckert for Vice Chairman.

122313-198

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert, to close the nominations and cast unanimous ballots for Mr. Howell for Chairman and Mr. Duckert for Vice Chairman of the Board of Lapeer County Road Commissioners. Roll Call: Duckert, aye; Hemmingsen, aye; Howell, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

122313-199

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to designate Mr. Ryan Doyle as County Highway Engineer for 2014. Roll Call: Duckert, aye; Hemmingsen, aye; Howell, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

122313-200

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to authorize Mr. Ryan Doyle to impose and release seasonal weight restrictions, as required for 2014.

Roll Call: Duckert, aye; Hemmingsen, aye; Howell, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

122313-201

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to appoint Mr. Erick Pearson as Managing Director for 2014.

Roll Call: Duckert, aye; Hemmingsen, aye; Howell, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

122313-202

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to designate Mr. Erick Pearson as Trunkline Superintendent and Assistant Trunkline Superintendent for 2014. Roll Call: Duckert, aye; Hemmingsen, aye; Howell, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

122313-203

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to appoint Ms. Tami Erickson, Chief Finance Officer for 2014.

Roll Call: Duckert, aye; Hemmingsen, aye; Howell, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

122313-204

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to appoint Ms. Linette Daily, Secretary to the Board for 2014.

Roll Call: Duckert, aye; Hemmingsen, aye; Howell, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

122313-205

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to designate Mr. James Gatton and Mr. Ryan Doyle as authorized agents for checking vehicles for size, weights, and loads operating on all roads under the Road Commission jurisdiction or as allowed or designated in Lapeer County for the period of January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014.

Roll Call: Duckert, aye; Hemmingsen, aye; Howell, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Howell declared the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Gary Howell, Chairman

Linette Daily, Board Secretary