

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, December 15, 2021
4:30 p.m.**

Present: Mr. James Novak, Jr., Chairman; Mr. Leslie Nichols, Vice Chairman, Member; Mr. Terry Jostock, Member; Mr. Erick Pearson, Managing Director; Mr. Joseph Minaudo, Board Secretary; Mr. Destain Gingell, County Highway Engineer.

Residents: Ms. Lisa Haack, Janet Wilson, Jack Jostock.

Chairman Novak called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

121521-242

Motion by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Jostock to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Prior Board Meeting Minutes

121521-243

Motion by Commissioner Jostock, seconded by Commissioner Nichols to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for December 01, 2021. Motion carried.

Approval of Disbursements

121521-244

Motion by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Jostock to approve the Accounts Payable and Payroll dated December 16, 2021 in the amount of \$390,630.32. Motion carried.

Road Project Agreements

121521-245

Motion by Commissioner Nichols seconded by Commissioner Jostock to approve the Township Road Project Agreements. Motion carried.

489-003-213207 Attica Township – Haul up to 100 Tons of 23A Limestone to Martin Drive and Lakeview Drive. Estimated Cost: \$1,935.00 Twp.

504-001-223002 Almont Township – Brush Axe and Tree Removal Project 50/50 Allocation. Estimated Cost: \$10,000.00 Twp.

489-006-213520 Deerfield Township – (I) Design Survey, (II) Tree Removal, and (III) Ditching (TBD) Lakeshore Drive and Hillside Drive. Estimated Cost: \$45,000.00 Twp.

Managing Director Report

121521-246

2022 Holiday and Board Meeting Dates

Motion by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Novak to approve the 2022 Holiday and Board Meeting Dates. Roll call vote, Ayes: Novak, Nichols. Nays: Jostock. Motion carried.

121521-247

Approval of the Amended Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Jostock to approve the amended agenda to add the expiring of the real estate listing for LCRC property for sale, and selection of a commissioner to sit on the committee to determine criteria for hiring a new Directing Manager. Motion carried.

121521-248

Selection of Commissioner to be on Criteria Committee – Managing Director

Motion by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Novak to approve the selection of Commissioner James Novak, Jr. as a member of the committee to determine the wants and needs in hiring a new Managing Director. Roll call vote, Ayes: Novak, Nichols. Nays: Jostock. Motion carried.

Mr. Pearson informed the real estate listing to sell LCRC property is to expire on December 22, 2021. Let listing lapse and relist in February 2022.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Schons was absent.

Mr. Pearson gave an update on the status of the new trucks purchased. First truck has been received and being outfitted. Second truck is to be delivered next week.

121521-249

Motion by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Jostock to declare pull saw #8246 as surplus. Motion carried.

Engineering Report

Mr. Gingell stated the Summers Road culvert work is progressing. May be delayed, awaiting ties needed for the project.

Mr. Gingell informed the local Rural Task Force and full Rural Task Force meetings are to be held this week, December 16th and 17th, respectively.

Mr. Destain Gingell talked briefly on the Townships 2022 paving program selection process.

Public Comment

None

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Jostock stated the patch on Lake Nepessing Road is rideable. He asked when the patch will be approved. Mr. Gingell informed there may be ground settlement issues, and the final approval will not be given until late spring 2022.

Commissioner Jostock asked, why we need a committee to quantify the qualifications for a Managing Director, couldn't this be done by the Commission.

Commissioner Nichols asked that Commissioner Jostock be found in violation of the Commissions Code of Conduct for his Facebook comments about the Managing Director.

Commissioner Novak read a letter of recommendation from the Elba Township Treasurer, Nate Eashoo, in regards to the Superintendent, Zeb Schons (attached).

Being no further business, Chairman Novak declared the meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

James Novak Jr., Chairman

Joseph P. Minaudo, Jr., Board Secretary

Lapeer County Road Commission

December 14, 2021

Dear Commission,

I wanted to write this board to show support for Superintendent, Zeb Schons. During my five years as Elba Township Treasurer, I had considerable contact with Mr. Schons regarding road projects, funding, engineering studies and more.

Mr. Schons always presented solutions in a logical and responsible manner. Zeb would address any situation I may inquire about quickly and appropriately. Anytime we needed clarity from the LCRC, Zeb would attend a township Board Meeting or visit our office.

I see Zeb as a rare asset for the LCRC. Someone that should ascend and better influence the direction of the LCRC.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nate D Eashoo', written in a cursive style.

Nate D Eashoo