

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, January 24, 2024
4:30 p.m.**

Present: Mr. John Howell, Chairman; Mr. Terry Jostock, Vice Chairman; Mr. James Novak, Jr., Member; Mr. Joseph Minaudo, Jr., Board Secretary; Mr. Destain Gingell, Interim Managing Director/County Highway Engineer; Mr. Zeb Schons, Superintendent.

Residents: Ms. Sherry Mawer, Ms. Bethany Schroeder, Ms. Paula Smith, Mr. John Franzel, Ms. April Labar, Ms. Lisa Haack, and Mr. Dustin Vermeulen.

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

Approval of the Amended Agenda

012424-015

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

Approval of Prior Board Meeting Minutes

012424-016

Motion by Commissioner Novak, seconded by Commissioner Jostock to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for January 10, 2024. Motion carried.

Approval of Special/Open Board Meeting Minutes for January 17, 2024

012424-017

Motion by Commissioner Jostock, seconded by Commissioner Novak to approve the Special/Open Meeting minutes for January 17, 2024. Motion carried.

Approval of Special/Open Board Meeting Minutes for January 18, 2024

012424-018

Motion by Commissioner Novak, seconded by Commissioner Howell to approve the Special/Open Meeting minutes for January 18, 2024. Motion carried.

Approval of Disbursements

012424-019

Motion by Commissioner Jostock, seconded by Commissioner Novak to approve the Accounts Payable and Payroll dated January 25, 2024 in the amount of \$401,412.12. Large Disbursements Summary was addressed. Motion carried.

Communications

Mr. Gingell informed, a 30-year resident of Lapeer County, gave praise to the LCRC for the plowed and clear roads. Mr. Gingell passed the compliment on to the District Foreman. Mr. Gingell gave praise to all of the LCRC Staff for their work during the weather events.

Mr. Gingell also informed a resident stated he was very happy to see a red truck clearing his road. LCRC is doing an outstanding job.

Mr. Gingell expressed how Face Book postings are great for informing the Community and contribute to the moral of LCRC.

Interim Managing Director

Mr. Gingell introduced attorney privileged correspondence concerning KWA. He would like to have a Special/Closed Meeting to discuss the correspondence, and to review the 2024 Annual Bids, as well as the crushing Bid approval at the Weber Pit.

The Special/Closed Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

Finance Report

Mr. Minaudo gave a financial update.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Schons stated what a good job the LCRC crews are doing during the last long two weeks.

Engineering Report

Approval to adopt Resolution for Almont Township, Kidder Road

012424-020

Motion by Commissioner Jostock, seconded by Commissioner Howell to approve Resolution for Almont Township, Kidder Road, Almont Road northerly to Tubspring Road, 45-mph. Roll Call Vote: Howell, Aye; Jostock, Aye; Novak, Nay. Motion carried. Resolution attached.

Approval to adopt Resolution for Hadley Township, Pratt Road

012424-021

Motion by Commissioner Jostock, seconded by Commissioner Novak to approve Resolution for Hadley Township, Pratt Road, from 0.4 miles westerly of Hadley Road to 0.3 miles easterly of Hadley Road, 45-mph. Roll Call Vote: Howell, Aye; Jostock, Aye; Novak, Aye. Motion carried unanimously. Resolution attached.

Approval to adopt Resolution for Hadley Township, Hadley Road, Northerly

012424-022

Motion by Commissioner Jostock, seconded by Commissioner Novak to approve Resolution for Hadley Township, Hadley Road, from Pratt Road northerly 0.3 miles, 45-mph. Roll Call Vote: Howell, Aye; Jostock, Aye; Novak, Aye. Motion carried unanimously. Resolution attached.

Approval to adopt Resolution for Hadley Township, Hadley Road, Southerly

012424-023

Motion by Commissioner Jostock, seconded by Commissioner Howell to approve Resolution for Hadley Township, Hadley Road, from Pratt Road southerly 0.5 miles, 35-mph. Roll Call Vote: Howell, Aye; Jostock, Aye; Novak, Aye. Motion carried unanimously. Resolution attached.

Mr. Gingell informed salt deliveries are to begin next week.

Mr. Gingell gave praise to Ms. Bethany Schroeder for the great work done on the speed reviews.

Managing Director Position

012424-024

Motion by Commissioner Novak, seconded by Commissioner Jostock to appoint Michael Hemmingsen as Managing Director subject to a mutually agreeable employment contract being reached between Michael Hemmingsen and the Lapeer County Road Commission to be negotiated by our labor counsel, subject to approval by the Lapeer County Road Commission Board. Motion carried.

Deputy Managing Director Position

012424-025

Motion by Commissioner Jostock, seconded by Commissioner Howell to appoint Destain Gingell as Deputy Managing Director subject to a mutually agreeable employment contract being reached between Destain Gingell and the Lapeer County Road Commission to be negotiated by our labor counsel, subject to approval by the Lapeer County Road Commission Board. Motion carried.

Mr. Destain Gingell is to continue as Interim Managing Director until signed contracts are received.

Public Comment

None.

Commissioner Comments

Mr. Terry Jostock remarked that Face Book posts are pretty nice.

Mr. James Novak, Jr. stated a great job with the snow removal.

Mr. John Howell observed how the same residents are continuing to post complaints on Face Book. Mr. John Howell also stated LCRC is doing a great job with snow removal.

Being no further business, Chairman Howell declared the meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

John Howell, Chairman

Joseph P. Minaudo, Jr., Board Secretary