

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, April 02, 2025  
4:30 p.m.**

Present: Mr. John Howell, Chairman; Mr. Terry Jostock, Vice Chairman (**Absent**); Mr. James Novak, Jr., Member; Mr. Michael Hemmingsen, Manager; Mr. Destain Gingell, Deputy Manager/County Highway Engineer; Mr. Joseph Minaudo, Jr., Board Secretary.

Residents: Mr. Jeff Lutes, Ms. Paula Smith, Ms. LouAnn Smith, Mr. Chuck Buckel, and Ms. Lisa Haack.

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

**Approval of the Agenda**

**040225-050**

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

**Approval of Prior Board Meeting Minutes**

**040225-051**

Motion by Commissioner Novak, seconded by Commissioner Howell to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for March 19, 2025. Motion carried.

**Approval of Disbursements**

**040225-052**

Motion by Commissioner Novak, seconded by Commissioner Howell to approve the Accounts Payable and Payroll dated April 03, 2025 in the amount of \$399,218.60. Large Disbursements Summary was addressed. Motion carried.

**Approval of (19) Road Project Agreement**

**040225-053**

Motion by Commissioner Novak, seconded by Commissioner Howell to approve 19 Road Project Agreements. Motion carried.

504-002-253100 Arcadia Township - Dust Control, up to 3 applications. Estimated Cost \$54,690.00. Twp.

504-002-253102 Arcadia Township - Brush Axe and Tree Removal on Local Township Roads pursuant to map – Estimated Cost \$10,000 (\$5,000 LCRC special program match).

489-002-253104 Arcadia Township - 32,500 Tons of 22A Natural Gravel on various roads pursuant to map. Estimated Cost \$497,250.00. Twp.

504-003-253200 Attica Township - Dust Control, up to 3 applications. Estimated Cost \$62,376.00. Twp.

504-003-253201 Attica Township - Mow Local Township Roads – 2 complete double swath mowings. Estimated Cost \$16,330.00, Allocation \$8,165.00

504-003-253202 Attica Township - Brush Axe and Tree Removal on Local Township Roads pursuant to map – Estimated Cost \$10,000 (\$5,000 LCRC special program match).

489-003-253204 Attica Township – 4,000 Tons of 23A Limestone on Winslow Road, between Sutton and Hunter Creek Roads. Estimated Cost \$111,000.00. Allocation \$19,583.53.

504-011-254000 Imlay Township - Dust Control, up to 2 applications. Estimated Cost \$36,670.00. Twp.

504-011-254001 Imlay Township - Mow Local Township Roads – 2 complete double swath mowings. Estimated Cost \$14,780.00, Twp.

504-011-254002 Imlay Township - Brush Axe and Tree Removal on Local Township Roads pursuant to map – Estimated Cost \$10,000 (\$5,000 LCRC special program match).

489-011-254004 Imlay Township – 4,000 Tons of 23A Limestone on Hunters Creek Road, between Summer and Black Corner Roads. Estimated Cost \$108,800.00. Twp.

489-011-254005 Imlay Township – 2,600 ft of Ditching, 4 Driveway Tubes, and 1,000 Tons of 23A Limestone on Black Corner Road, between I-69 and Hunters Creek Road. Estimated Cost \$58,000.00. Twp.

504-013-254202 Marathon Township - Brush Axe and Tree Removal on Local Township Roads pursuant to map – Estimated Cost \$10,000 (\$5,000 LCRC special program match).

504-014-254300 Mayfield Township - Dust Control, up to 3 applications. Estimated Cost \$14,000.00. Twp.

504-014-254301 Mayfield Township - Mow Local Township Roads – 2 complete double swath mowings. Estimated Cost \$16,000.00, Twp. \$8,000.00 Allocation.

504-015-254405 Metamora Township – Removal of failed cross tube, and installation of new 18”x40’ poly coated cross tube on Brocker Road, just east of Metamora Road. – Estimated Cost \$5,500.00. Twp.

504-017-254601 Oregon Township - Mow Local Township Roads – 2 complete double swath mowings. Estimated Cost \$12,000.00, Twp. \$6,000.00 Allocation.

504-017-254602 Oregon Township - Brush Axe and Tree Removal on Local Township Roads pursuant to map – Estimated Cost \$10,000 (\$5,000 LCRC special program match).

489-018-254704 Rich Township – ~10,000 Tons of Natural Aggregate on Various Township Roads, pursuant to attached map. Estimated Cost \$153,000.00. Twp.

**Communications**

Blue Water Highway District Meeting, April 24, 2025, 9:15 a.m., Uby Heights Golf & Country Club, 2409 E. Atwater Road, Uby, MI 48475.

Mr. Zeb Schons sent in a letter thanking Chuck Buckel for his service.

**Managing Director**

**Approval of Managing director's employment contract renewal**

**040225-054**

Motion by Commissioner Novak, seconded by Commissioner Howell to approve the Managing director's employment contract renewal for six months at the same terms. Roll Call Vote: Howell, Aye; and Novak, Aye. Motion carried.

**Approval of Managing director's employment contract renewal**

**040225-055**

Motion by Commissioner Howell, seconded by Commissioner Novak to approve the Special Recognition of Charles W. Buckel, Jr. upon his retirement from LCRC. Roll Call Vote: Howell, Aye; and Novak, Aye. Motion carried.

**Finance Report**

Mr. Minaudo gave a Financial Department update.

**Deputy Manager/Engineering Report**

**Approval of MDOT Contract #25-5143**

**040225-056**

Motion by Commissioner Novak, seconded by Commissioner Howell to approve the Resolution and to Authorize Mr. Destain Gingell to sign, Contract # 25-5143. Hot mix asphalt base crushing, shaping, and resurfacing along Columbiaville Road from LeValley Road westerly to the Columbiaville village limits, including earthwork, aggregate base and shoulders and guardrail; and all together with necessary related work. Roll Call Vote: Howell, Aye; and Novak, Aye. Motion carried.

**Deputy Manager/Engineering Report**

**Approval of MDOT Contract #25-5164**

**040225-057**

Motion by Commissioner Novak, seconded by Commissioner Howell to approve the Resolution and to Authorize Mr. Destain Gingell to sign, 25-5164. Hot mix asphalt base crushing, shaping, and paving along Jefferson Road from the village limits of North Branch northerly to Clifford Road, along Barnes Road from Jefferson Road to M-53, and along Clifford Road from Jefferson Road. Roll Call Vote: Howell, Aye; and Novak, Aye. Motion carried.

**Approval of Public Hearing – Pine Crest 2 and 3**

**040225-058**

Motion by Commissioner Novak, seconded by Commissioner Howell to approve the date of April 30, 2025, at 4:30 p.m., for a Public Hearing on Pine Crest 2 and 3 to be designated as public road. Roll Call Vote: Howell, Aye; and Novak, Aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Gingell revealed a working foreman requests the Board to revisit the employee cost for health insurance.

Mr. Gingell stated road projects are starting and moving along.

Mr. Gingell informed Mother Nature has been active. Fallen trees and flooding.

Mr. Gingell stated District 3 is cutting berms on roads, with District 1 to begin next.

**Public Comment**

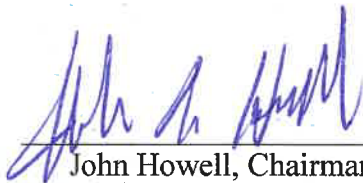
Mr. Jeff Lutes gave praise to Mr. Chuck Buckel. He also requests the Board to revisit the employee cost for health insurance. Guys can not afford to work here and it is hard to keep good employees.

Mr. Darryl Lintz stated Columbiaville Road west of town is in poor condition. With all the traffic on the road, what is the plan to recondition the road? It was explained to Mr. Lintz that the section of road in question will be done as funds are available.

**Commissioner Comments**

Commissioners Howell and Novak gave praise to Mr. Chuck Buckel and thanked him for his service.

Being no further business, Chairman Howell, declared the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.



John Howell, Chairman



Joseph P. Minaudo, Jr., Board Secretary