

March 14, 2024
Baldwin, Michigan 49304

Regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Lake was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Commissioner Haslock.

Present - Richard Haslock, *LCRC Commissioner*
Gary Truxton, *LCRC Commissioner*
Joan Runnels, *LCRC Commissioner*
William VanDyke, *Finance & HR Manager*
Leroy Williams, *Manager*
Shawn MacDougall, *Road Foreman*
Al Dailey, *Road Foreman*
David Leusby, *Shop Foreman*
Austin MacDougall, *Assistant*
Dennis Robinson, *Engineer Tech*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Runnels to approve the February 22, 2024, regular meeting minutes. Supported by Truxton.

Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0.

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

A motion was made by Runnels to approve the February 22, 2024, closed session meeting minutes. Supported by Truxton.

Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0.

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

APPROVAL OF PAYABLES:

A motion was made by Truxton to approve:

Payroll Voucher	# 5236	\$75,606.87
Payroll Voucher	# 5239	\$86,430.63
Accounts Payable Voucher	# 5237	\$231,932.34
Accounts Payable Voucher	# 5240	\$47,345.02
Accounts Payable Voucher	# 5238	\$3,461.02
FSA Voucher	# 5241	\$1,112.23

Supported by Runnels.

Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0.

Motion carried. Roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:

FINANCE & HR MANAGER:

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Michigan Road Commission Finance & HR Association will be held on March 26, 2024, at the Roscommon County Road Commission. William VanDyke and Austin MacDougall will be attending.

An insurance quote from MCRCSIP is forthcoming in the next week.

Updated board on MCRCSIP's plan to host an educational seminar about Public Act 130, commonly known as the McNitt Act. No date has been set yet, probably sometime in September.

Certificate of Insurance for the DNR gravel pit lease has been obtained. Checking into the surety bond requirement which may come in the form of a \$10,000.00 CD.

MANAGER:

MCRCSIP is looking for board nominations.

Williams will be signing the USFS Fire Break Contract.

The DNR lease is ready for signing once the surety bond questions are resolved.

Williams explained that there may be an opportunity to dig gravel from the Hunt Pit in Iron's.

The Village of Luther is interested in chip sealing one to two miles of Village streets.

Bill Henn of Henn Lesperance PLC is reviewing the lease proposal for a cell tower to be constructed on Road Commission property.

Williams opened a discussion on whether the Road Commission should continue to act as the Drain Commission now that the county has a population exceeding 12,000 people.



ROAD FOREMAN:

MACDOUGALL -

Crews have been busy with winter maintenance, tree cutting, and pothole patching as weather conditions have been back and forth between winter and spring.

DAILEY -

Picking up loose wash sand off 84th Street in Chase Township.

After reviewing the permit fee schedule, it was verified that LCRC is in line with other counties' rates.



LEUSBY -

Night crews have been able to clean and paint different pieces of equipment to prevent rusting and improve the appearance.

The warranty for Truck #080 will be extended since it was not used this winter due to warranty issues with the radiator.

Initial replacement prospects for sign truck #021 proved to be in very poor condition. Shawn MacDougall has discovered that Great Lakes Energy has some used trucks going up on an auction that could fill our needs. A date will need to be set to look at these options.

ROBINSON -

Submitting Miss Dig Tickets and attending webinars.



OLD BUSINESS:

Williams presented a plan for erosion remediation in the right of way on W Velt Ave. in the Chain-O-Lakes # 1 platted subdivision after meeting with EGLE.

Bruce Reed requested a closed session to discuss personnel matters pertaining to his employment.

A motion was made by Truxton to enter closed session at 9:59 a.m. to discuss personnel evaluation pursuant to MCL 15.268 1a.

Supported by Runnels.

Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0.

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

A motion was made by Truxton to re-open the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

Supported by Haslock.

Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0.

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

A motion was made by Truxton to enter closed session at 10:19 a.m. to further discuss Bruce Reed's personnel evaluation pursuant to MCL 15.268 1a.

Supported by Runnels.

Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0.

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

A motion was made by Runnels to re-open the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

Supported by Truxton.

Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0.

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Runnels to offer Bruce Reed leave per FMLA with his medical insurance coverage intact from March 25th through June 14th at which time he could maintain his insurance coverage through COBRA or return to work. Supported by Truxton.

Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0.

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGE:

Haslock - Pleased to have the USFS Fire Break Program for road improvements. Announced an initiative to invite public input on improving the trail from Baldwin to Reed City.

Truxton - Is anxious to see progress on Right of Way clearing through the USFS Fire Break Program, and curious to see how many complaints this may generate.

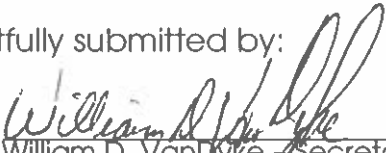
Runnels - Noted that Spring is officially here since her deer has dropped its antlers.

ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting Date: March 28, 2024, Time: 9:00 a.m.

Motion to adjourn made by Truxton. Supported by Runnels.
Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0.
Motion carried 11:00 a.m. Roll Call vote.

Respectfully submitted by:



William D. VanDyke - Secretary

Approved by:



Richard J. Haslock - Chairman



Gary Truxton - Vice Chairman



Joan Runnels - Member