

October 24, 2024
Baldwin, Michigan 49304

Regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Lake was called to order at 9:05 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 Haslock to approve October 9, 2024, regular meeting minutes. Supported by Truxton.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

APPROVAL OF PAYABLES:

A motion was made by Haslock to approve:

Payroll Voucher	# 5287	\$70,442.56
Accounts Payable Voucher	# 5285A	\$3,867.64
Accounts Payable Voucher	# 5288	\$380,658.14
FSA Voucher	# 5289	\$1,283.81

Supported by Truxton.

Yeas - Haslock, Truxton. Nays - Runnels.

Motion carried. Roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:

FINANCE & HR MANAGER:

The Northern Michigan Road Commission Finance & HR Association meeting will be held October 29 at the Wexford County Road Commission.

Cogitate User's Group meeting will be held November 7, 2024, at the Emmet County Road Commission.

The Paul Bunyan Council meeting will be held November 11, 2024, at the Evergreen Resort in Cadillac, MI.

MANAGER:

Presented an offer received in the mail to purchase a portion of the K&K Pit property. These offers are common and unreasonably low. The board disregarded this proposal.

The price for brine from Michigan Chloride Sales will remain the same at \$0.22/gallon for 2025.

The Road Commission and USFS collaborated on a clean-up of the North Country Trail where it crosses South Branch Road in Sweetwater Township due to damage from spillways that did not function properly. This has been completed.

The annual Mine Safety Training has been completed.

Advertising for maintenance of MDOT parks maintenance is out and bids will be received.

Discussed an issue of someone posting to social media, blaming the road commission for paint striping a gravel road. The contractor had run a short distance to clear their machinery. No harm was done and the road commission had nothing to do with it.

MCRCSIP has sent informational brochures explaining the new law that requires motorists to stay back 200' from a plow truck for safety. These will be dispersed to law enforcement and road commission drivers.

Discussed the topic of needing a chauffeur's license and DOT medical card to operate a pickup truck with a GVWR of 10,000 lbs. or over. This will affect the way we staff the trucks used for patching roads with part-time employees.

ROAD FOREMAN:

MACDOUGALL -

Have crews pulling the berm dirt that has accumulated along 52nd Street in Pleasant Plains Township and 56th Street in Lake Township to aid in water shedding off the road surface.

The tar buggies used for patching have been emptied and are prepared for winter storage.

Work has been progressing on the USFS Fire Break Program to clear dual jurisdiction Roads. Also removing large emerging rocks and repairing large water holes to make these roads more passable.

DAILEY -

Has crews cleaning up roads that have accumulated large amounts of wash sand.

Will be addressing a plugged cross culvert issue on Hawkins Road north of Old M-63 in Ellsworth Township as beavers are working in this area.

Will be planning for repairing the concrete pad at the Brine Facility to accommodate the larger trucks that are delivering brine.

LEUSBY -

Updated the board on the progress of repairs to the crusher and the long lead time for ordered parts.

Expressed his concerns that no applicants have applied for the open mechanic position. The shop is currently running with three mechanics.

New cross members are being installed on trucks # 38 and # 39. These trucks have automatic transmissions and should work well for newer, less experienced drivers.

Osceola has inquired about purchasing a slip-in sander if we have a spare one.

Would like to restart the shop supervisor meetings that were discontinued during Covid.

ROBINSON -

Has been working on culvert inspections and inventory.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Truxton stated that Pleasant Plains and Webber Townships are both willing to start work on a project to cut the sharp hill on 48th Street. The plans should be reviewed so contracts can be developed.

Commissioner Haslock has inspected the location on 68th Street that Sondra Lemm of Pleasant Plains Township had inquired about for shoulder repair. His opinion is that there is no erosion and disturbing the existing vegetation would only make things worse. He asked Road Foreman Shawn MacDougall about his plans for a ride around with Sondra and thinks this issue will need more consideration.

Commissioner Haslock discussed the re-gravel project of River Road in Elk Township and wants to inspect it to address concerns from the township. Manager Williams stated that he has spoken with the township and invited them to the road commission meetings for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Open enrollment for Health Insurance was discussed and two plans were chosen for the employees to choose from.

A motion was made by Runnels to offer two health care options for the employees to choose from. Option # 1, to renew on the existing Priority Health PriorityHMO 500-Gold, or Option # 2, Priority Health PriorityHMO Gold G10. Supported by Truxton.

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

Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

Todd VanOrtwick had planned on addressing the board over his concerns about miscommunication. After speaking with management, he decided not to address the board.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMISSIONERS PRIVILIGE:

Haslock -

Has noticed that roads throughout the county are looking good.

Truxton -

The roads have been looking great. The warmer weather has been nice.

Runnels -

Things are good and no complaints have been coming to her.

ADJOURNMENT:

Next Meeting Date: November 14, 2024, Time: 9:00 a.m.

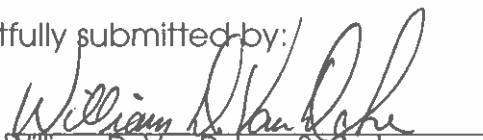
Motion to adjourn made by Truxton.

Supported by Haslock.

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

Motion carried 10:40 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