

August 26, 2021
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 Chairman Truxton.

Present - Gary Truxton, *LCRC Commissioner*
Richard Haslock, *LCRC Commissioner*
Joan Runnels, *LCRC Commissioner*
Jessica LaPointe, *LCRC Finance & HR Manager*
Leroy Williams, *LCRC Manager*
Shawn MacDougall, *LCRC Road Foreman*
Tom Smith, *LCRC Road Foreman*
David Leusby, *LCRC Shop Foreman*
Al Dailey, *LCRC Finance & HR Assistant*

The following bills were presented and allowed for payment:

8/16	Payroll Voucher No. 5041 -----	\$	67,543.12
8/18	Material Voucher No. 5042 -----	\$	368,445.32

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Haslock to approve the August 12, 2021 meeting minutes as read. Supported by Runnels. Yeas- Haslock, Truxton and Runnels. Nays - 0.
Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jodi Nichols, Lake County Economic Alliance, discussed improvements to Kings Highway for a local company providing much needed employment within Lake County.

Bruce Reed, LCRC employee, requested ½ pay for spouse's upcoming surgery. Board agreed to 2 weeks.

REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:

FINANCE & HR MANAGER:

LaPointe presented Local Road Policy numbers for 2021.

Discussed brine overages.

MANAGER:

MCRC SIP recommendation regarding masks.

Will be updating the work rules.

Would like to see a policy regarding tree cutting at the pits.

Vilmer from 72nd Street is giving the road commission clay, would like to exchange for some sand. Board agrees.

Johnson/Brooks Rd has begun.

Looking into safety grant details on Evergreen regarding signs.

CPR Training on Monday and Tuesday.

New truck for manager.

ROAD FOREMAN:

MACDOUGALL -

Crews have been doing grade work on Ironwood, Hamilton and 6 Mile Road.

SMITH -

Roads were really bad. Crews have been out blading after the rain.

Lots of trees.

Smith requested if the Board would allow him to travel to Lansing for CDL tester training. Board agreed to pay Smith during his training.

EQUIPMENT SUPERINTENDENT:

Williams:

Would like to give Chris Babbin mechanics wage while working in the shop.

Board agrees.

LaPointe:

Would like to keep Truck # 17, repair the transmission, and put it in the fleet rather than selling it. Leusby doesn't think it is the transmission after driving it this morning and would like to take it to Budget to diagnosis it. Board agrees.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion made by Haslock to authorize Williams and Leusby to purchase a new manager's truck, not to exceed \$5,000 difference from trade in and new truck.

Supported by Runnels. Yeas – Truxton, Haslock and Runnels. Nays – 0. Roll call vote. Motion carried.

Brine meeting set for October 26, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by Runnels to allow vaccinated employees to go mask-less, but still require unvaccinated to wear mask. Supported by Haslock. Yeas – Truxton, Haslock and Runnels. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Resolution offered by Haslock to enter into a contract with Michigan Department of Transportation for the maintenance of the State Trunkline and authorize Truxton and Williams to sign. Supported by Runnels. Roll call vote. Yeas – Truxton, Haslock and Runnels. Nays – 0. Motion carried.
Resolution Attached.

Motion made by Haslock to table the brine bids until Williams can investigate and authorize Williams to accept or reject bid. Supported by Runnels. Yeas – Truxton, Haslock and Runnels. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Motion made by Runnels to approve Tom Smith to attend trainings in Lansing. Road Commission will pay wages for training. Supported by Runnels. Yeas – Truxton, Haslock and Runnels. Nays – 0. Roll call vote. Motion carried.

LaPointe requested a temporary change of schedule, start time of 7:00am instead of 5:00am. Board agreed.

COMMISSIONERS PRIVILIGE:

Haslock – Roads look good after blading and brining.

Truxton – Need to think about the use of our front parking lot on commission days. Doesn't allow for visitors to park.

Runnels –Received a lot of praise on Merrillville.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Runnels. Supported by Haslock. Yeas- Truxton and Runnels. Nays - 0. Motion carried. 10:51 am

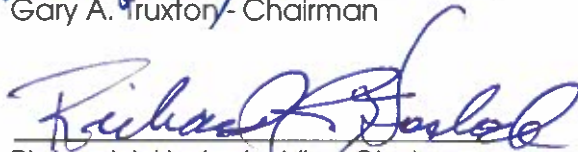
Next Meeting Date: September 9, 2021 Time: 9:00 am

Respectfully submitted by:


Jessica L. LaPointe - Secretary

Approved by:


Gary A. Truxton - Chairman


Richard J. Haslock - Vice Chairman


Joan Runnels - Member



2021 Dust/Ice Control Bid Tab

<u>Michigan Chloride</u>	Per Gallon	Total Cost
# 1. Supply and Apply	<u>.24</u>	_____
# 2. Lake County Road Commission Pickup	_____	_____
# 3. Deliver Brine to Storage Tanks	<u>.22</u>	_____
<u>Baldwin Storage</u>	<u>.22</u>	_____

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LAKE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION RESOLUTION

MDOT Contract

Commissioner Haslock offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation (“MDOT”) has presented a proposed contract between MDOT and the Lake County Road Commission under which the Road Commission would perform maintenance on State Trunkline highways within Lake County, and

WHEREAS, MDOT has affirmatively found that contracting with the Lake County Road Commission for the maintenance of State Trunk Line highways and bridges within Lake County, is in the best public interest; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Road Commission concurs in MDOT’s finding that it is in the best public interest to contract with the Lake County Road Commission for the maintenance of State Trunk Line highways and bridges within Lake County for the reason that the Road Commission has a proven record of efficiently providing a high level of service on State Trunkline Highways within Lake County; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Road Commission has reviewed the terms of the contract and the recommendations of the CRA’s Negotiating Committee; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lake County Road Commission hereby accepts and agrees to enter into the State Trunkline Maintenance Contract presented by MDOT but only in the form that incorporates the changes as recommended by CRA’s Negotiating Committee and Gary Truxton, Board Chairman and Leroy Williams Jr, Manager are authorized and instructed to sign the State Trunkline Maintenance Contract incorporating the changes as indicated in this resolution on behalf of the Lake County Road Commission.

Supported by Commissioner Runnels.

ADOPTED: Yeas – Haslock, Runnels, and Truxton Nays – 0.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution made and adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Lake held on August 26, 2021.

Signed 
Jessica LaPointe, Board Secretary

