

November 22, 2023
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 Lousby, *Shop Foreman*~~
Austin MacDougall, *Assistant*
Dennis Robinson, *Engineer Tech*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Runnels to approve the November 8, 2023, regular meeting minutes. Supported by Truxton. Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYABLES:

Motion made by Runnels to approve:

Accounts Payable Voucher # 5213A, \$835.00
Accounts Payable Voucher # 5216, \$199,140.13
Payroll Voucher # 5215, \$76,709.17
FSA Voucher # 5217, N/A

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Shawn Coffey requesting ½ pay. Board agreed.

Linda Lange presented reasons why Dexter Road's closure during the seasonal closure to motor vehicles for dog sledding in Sweetwater Township is necessary for these events to remain viable. Board agreed.

Clay Prickett representing Henn Lesperence requests closed session under MCL 15.268 1e to discuss Cadeaux vs. Lake County Road Commission.

Motion to enter closed session at 9:37 a.m. to discuss Cadeaux vs. Lake County Road Commission made by Truxton. Supported by Runnels.
Yeas – Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays – 0. Motion carried. Roll call vote.

Motion to re-open meeting at 9:45 a.m. made by Runnels. Supported by Truxton.
Yeas – Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Motion to remain opposed to the vacation request of Cadeaux vs. Lake County Road Commission made by Truxton. Supported by Runnels.
Yeas – Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays – 0. Motion carried. Roll call vote.

Clay Prickett representing Henn Lesperence requests closed session under MCL 15.268 1h to discuss EGLE’s demand that the Lake County Road Commission (LCRC) must remediate an area of erosion at the road end of Velt Ave in the plat of Chain O Lakes # 1.

Motion to enter closed session at 9:48 a.m. to discuss EGLE’s demand that the Lake County Road Commission (LCRC) must remediate an area of erosion at the road end of Velt Ave in the plat of Chain O Lakes # 1 made by Truxton. Supported by Runnels.
Yeas – Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays – 0. Motion carried. Roll call vote.

Motion to re-open meeting at 10:31 a.m. made by Truxton. Supported by Runnels.
Yeas – Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Motion to enact the strategy discussed in closed session made by Truxton. Supported by Runnels.
Yeas – Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays – 0. Motion carried. Roll call vote.

REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:

FINANCE & HR MANAGER:

Informed Board of Cogitate’s need to increase support fees which have remained static for many years.

Updated Board on progress with the open enrollment for health insurance.

Presented a proposed budget for FY2024.

Updated board on the replacement of an auditor after the resignation of SK CPAs.

Motion to allow VanDyke's discretion to select a new auditor made by Truxton. Supported by Runnels.

Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0. Motion carried. Roll call vote.

Presented a draft of the form to loan out traffic control devices for community events. Will modify Policy # 1065 USE of TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES for COMMUNITY EVENTS for approval at the December 14, 2023, meeting.

MANAGER:

S. Branch Road spillway issues continue, and the contractor J & N has stated that they will return in the spring once the asphalt plants are re-opened to do any needed repairs. Also, to straighten a guardrail installation.

The replacement of Spencer Bridge SN5293 has been approved for FY2025.

Winter maintenance shifts will begin Sunday November 26, 2023.

Sand shed maintenance is completed.

ROAD FOREMAN:

MACDOUGALL - Absent

DAILEY -

Blading and patching roads in preparation for them to freeze.

LEUSBY - Absent

ROBINSON -

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Williams outlined the need for Dennis Robinson to take a truck home to accommodate his on-call schedule. Board agreed.

COMMISSIONERS PRIVILIGE:

Haslock - Notices that this summer's brining has lasted well into the late fall.

Truxton - Recognizes the road commission's efforts to correct a drainage issue at the Eighth St Bridge, and the community service of assisting with placing a tree at the fish sculpture in Baldwin.

Runnels - Has not been receiving road complaints.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

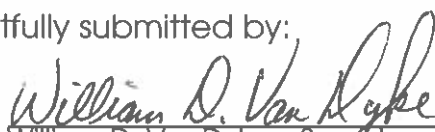
None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Truxton. Supported by Runnels.
Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0. Motion carried 11:43 a.m.

Next Meeting Date: December 14, 2023, Time: 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



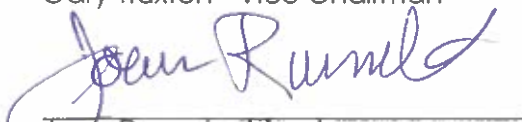
William D. VanDyke - Secretary

Approved by:



Richard J. Haslock - Chairman

Gary Truxton - Vice Chairman



Joan Runnels - Member