

**August 10, 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*  
Tom Smith, *Road Foreman*  
Al Dailey, *Finance Assistant*  
Dennis Robinson, *Engineer Tech*  
Austin MacDougall, *Assistant*

Absent Shawn MacDougall, *Road Foreman*  
David Leusby, *Shop Foreman*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Haslock to approve the July 27, 2023, regular meeting minutes. Supported by Runnels. Yeas - Haslock, Runnels, Truxton. Nays - 0. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PAYABLES:**

Motion made by Haslock to approve the Accounts Payable Voucher # 5192 for \$448,827.26, Payroll Voucher # 5191 for \$90,072.81, and FSA Voucher # 5193 for \$638.83. Supported by Runnels. Yeas - Runnels, Haslock, Truxton. Nays - 0. Motion carried. Roll call vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:**

**FINANCE & HR MANAGER:**

The Workman's Compensation Audit Review is going well with the notification

that next year's bid for park maintenance must include certificate of coverage for both general liability and worker's compensation.

The Protecting MI Pensions Grant has passed review and will proceed to the steps to directly deposit the funds into our MERS "surplus" division.

Policies will be drafted to cease loaning out traffic control devices, and to cease installment of ORV signs.

In other policy reviews, policy # 1026 - Eyeglasses, and policy # 1039 - CDL Requirements will be deleted due to irrelevance.

#### MANAGER:

Mike Moore requests to enter an older LCRC truck in the Grant Parade. Denied.

Have received multiple complaints about the second application of brine being only one pass down the center.

MDOT bridge on M-37 over the Pere Marquette River will have lane closures while joint replacements are performed.

Wolf Lake Drain Improvement Project is progressing well.

The USFS Fire Breaks Program is held up until our USFS contacts return from fire service.

Discussed clarification on issuing the work attire stipend once new hires have completed probation. The Board agreed to do so.

Discussed road work that has happened in Dover Township.

Tom Smith's retirement party is planned for August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Discussed pro-rating longevity pay for people leaving before a year's end.

#### ROAD FOREMAN:

MACDOUGALL - Absent

SMITH -

The second application of bine is completed.

Chip sealing should be completed after a couple of more days.

Summer help is working out well.

Roadside mowing is progressing.

LEUSBY - Absent

ROBINSON -

Estimating for future projects

Chase brine facility inspection by EGLE went well.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion made by Runnels to approve changes to policy # 1048 Removal or Trimming of Trees or Other Vegetation to not require providing notice while working in the public right of way. Supported by Truxton. Yeas - Haslock, Runnels, Truxton. Nays - 0. Motion carried.

Williams presented Elk Township's desire to use three years' worth of their local roads program funding in one year to re-gravel River Rd. from Bass Lake Rd. to 11 Mile Rd. The Board agreed to do so.

Williams announced that training for Austin MacDougall, Dennis Robinson, and Bill VanDyke is progressing well noting that all individuals possess a sense of self-motivation.

**COMMISSIONERS PRIVILIGE:**

Haslock - Pleased with chip seal operations this season.

Truxton - Roadside mowing is looking good. Pleased with chip seal operations this season.

Runnels – Roads look good. Impressed with triple chip sealed roads in Irons. FYI informational meeting about a proposal to get rid of property taxes statewide to be held at Pompeii's in Baldwin on August 23.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by Runnels. Supported by Truxton. Yeas - Haslock, Runnels, Truxton. Nays – 0. Motion carried 10:22 am

*Next Meeting Date: August 24, 2023, Time: 9:00 am*

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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William D. VanDyke - Secretary

Approved by:

  
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Richard J. Haslock - Chairman

  
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Gary Truxton - Vice Chairman

  
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Joan Runnels - Member

## LAKE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

**POLICY # 1048:** Removal or Trimming of Trees or Other Vegetation

**STATEMENT OF POLICY:**

PLEASE BE ADVISED that Michigan law provides all County Road Commissions with the legal authority to control public right-of-ways within their jurisdiction. Pursuant to MCL 247.241, no person or entity may remove trees or other vegetation within a county highway right-of-way without the consent of the County Road Commission having jurisdiction over the highway.

In accordance with the foregoing, it is the Lake County Road Commission's ("LCRC's") policy to remove or trim trees or other vegetation from within county highway right-of-ways where the LCRC deems in its sole discretion that such removal or trimming is necessary or desirable to facilitate the safe and convenient use of public highways. No notice is required under Michigan law, nor will any be given by the LCRC, for cutting of trees or other vegetation within a highway right-of-way. Any adjacent landowner who desires to remove or trim trees or vegetation from within a highway right-of-way by his or her own means must obtain a permit from the LCRC to do so. Failure to obtain the required permit is a misdemeanor punishable by fine or imprisonment in the discretion of a court of law, as provided in MCL 247.241.

Please contact the LCRC with any questions regarding tree or vegetation removal or trimming.