

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, January 9, 2013
8:00 a.m.**

Present: Mr. Gary Howell, Chairman; Mr. Dale Duckert, Vice Chairman; Mr. Michael Hemmingsen, Member

In Attendance: Ms. Tami Erickson, Chief Financial Officer; Ms. Linette Daily, Secretary to the Board; Mr. Erick Pearson, Managing Director; Mr. William Meinz, County Highway Engineer; Mr. Ryan Doyle, Assistant Engineer; Mr. Charles Buckel, Mr. Robert VanDenBerg, Mr. Dennis Streichert, Mr. Edwin Watz

Mr. Gary Howell, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. in the Meeting Room of the Lapeer County Road Commission Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

010913-011

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to approve the agenda. Roll Call: Duckert, aye; Hemmingsen, aye; Howell, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

010913-012

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for December 26, 2012. Roll Call: Duckert, aye; Hemmingsen, aye; Howell, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

010913-013

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to approve disbursements dated January 10, 2013 in the amount of \$275,211.03. Roll Call: Duckert, aye; Hemmingsen, aye; Howell, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PROJECTS

010913-014

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to approve the following projects.

Burnside Township

490 005 134800-Replacing existing structure with Large Multi-Plate Culvert

Marsh Road between M-90 and Brooks

Estimated Cost: \$63,259.53 (\$25,303.81 Bridge Fund/\$18,977.86 Allocation/\$18,977.86 Township)

Goodland Township

504 009 123806-Ditching 1400 Feet on Wheeling Road and 100 Feet Each Side of Turner Road,

Cut Trees and Pull Stumps, Seed and Mulch

Estimated Cost: \$8,900.00 (\$3,796.01 2012 Allocation/\$5,103.99 Township)

Discussion was held regarding the explanation of the use of the multi-plate structure, the County Bridge Fund, Township Allocation, and bridge conditions.

Roll Call: Duckert, aye; Hemmingsen, aye; Howell, aye. Three ayes. Motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Pearson explained to the Board that the crews had been called in at 4:00 a.m., and unfortunately the rain turned to ice when it hit the cold pavement, so between 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. the roads got slippery. Mr. Pearson stated that all of the crews were currently out on the roads.

Mr. Pearson gave a brief update on the progress of the new truck, stating that the contractor was waiting for the valve pack, which is built to order for our use, and when that is ready it will be shipped to Truck and Trailer and will be ready in 30-40 days.

Mr. Pearson stated that a Road Commission truck operator slid into a tree on Rock Valley Road while clearing snow on the roadway. Mr. Pearson explained that a motorist also hit a truck while it was turning into the Lapeer garage. Mr. Pearson noted that no one was injured in either accident.

Mr. Pearson explained that the Annual Bid applications are due January 25, 2013, but quantities of materials needed will not be known until after winter maintenance is complete and the budget is reviewed.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Mr. Meinz gave an update on his upcoming proposed projects. Mr. Meinz stated that the Rural Task Force will be meeting at 10:00 a.m. on January 16, 2013 at the Lapeer County Road Commission. Mr. Hemmingsen asked if he could get a listing of the current and future projects scheduled for Rural Task Force Funds. Mr. Pearson explained that the current projects are listed on the 2013 Budget. Mr. Meinz went on to state that the Paser Ratings (conditions of the roads) are listed in the township book and are a good reference for Township discussion and the Truck Operators Map (which is available online) indicates weight restrictions on bridges.

Mr. Doyle stated that he had submitted his Congestion Mitigation Air Quality project application and was preparing his projects for the 2014-2017 year plan. Mr. Doyle stated that he attended the Oregon Township meeting to inform them that he had sent tree cutting letters to residents. Mr. Doyle also spoke about the school being sold on Coldwater Road to a church and how the speed limits will need to be re-evaluated. A brief discussion was then held regarding the setting of speed limits and the tree cutting procedures.

PUBLIC TIME

Mr. Robert VanDenBerg, Shop Foreman

Mr. VanDenBerg invited the Board to visit the shop area.

Mr. Dennis Streichert, North Branch Foreman

Mr. Streichert explained that Mr. Edwin Watz was present today as this was his last week of work before he retires from the Road Commission. Mr. Streichert stated that he and Ed were hired on the same day, and that it has been a pleasure to work with. Mr. Streichert stated that Ed is a dedicated and reliable employee and conscientious of his work. Mr. Streichert stated that he hates to see him leave.

Mr. Watz stated that he has enjoyed his 31 years with the Road Commission and commented that everyone works well together. Mr. Pearson added that Ed started with the Road Commission as summer help in 1983 for \$4.00 an hour. Mr. Pearson then presented Mr. Watz a plaque in appreciation of his service and dedication to the citizens of Lapeer County.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mr. Duckert stated that over the ten years that he has been a Road Commissioner, he has had lots of compliments of the work being done and knows there are a lot of good people working for the Commission.

Mr. Hemmingsen stated that he is aware that Lapeer has always been innovative and cost effective with their trucks and equipment. Mr. Duckert added that the Road Commission machinery always looks good.

Mr. Howell stated that when he was campaigning for the election, he heard many positive comments about the Road Commission and felt the public perception was pretty good.

Mr. Hemmingsen stated that he will be unable to attend the next Committee of the Whole meeting and Regular Meeting.

Mr. Howell declared the meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

Gary Howell, Chairman

Linette Daily, Board Secretary