

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, March 20, 2013
5:00 p.m.**

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

In Attendance: Ms. Linette Daily, Secretary to the Board; Mr. Erick Pearson, Managing Director; Ms. Tami Erickson; Mr. Charles Buckel; Mr. Zeb Schons; Mr. Dave Schlaud; Mr. Kevin Combs; Mrs. Sandy Combs; Ms. Juli Combs

Mr. Gary Howell, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Lapeer County Road Commission Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

032013-045

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to approve the agenda. Three ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

032013-046

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for March 4, 2013. Three ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

032013-047

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to approve disbursements dated March 21, 2013 in the amount of \$339,125.22. Three ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PROJECTS

032013-048

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the following project:
504 017 134699 Oregon Township- Dust Control/To be Performed by Road Maintenance/ Up to 4 Applications,
Estimated Cost: \$30,968.00. Three ayes. Motion carried

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Pearson stated that Mr. Kevin Combs and his family were present as he is scheduled to retire on March 31, 2013. Mr. Pearson explained that Mr. Combs has worked for the Road Commission for 25 years, beginning as a Laborer, then moved to a Grader Operator, and Truck Operator and finally a Working Foreman. Mr. Pearson stated that he appreciated the construction knowledge that Mr. Combs brought to the Road Commission. Mr. David Schlaud stated that it was great working with Mr. Combs. Mr. Schons explained that Mr. Combs taught him a lot and if he wanted to learn something Mr. Combs would teach him. Mr. Schons went on to state that Mr. Combs was one of the best bosses he has ever worked for. Mr. Buckel wished Mr. Combs well. Mr. Pearson ended by thanking Mr. Combs for his service to the Road Commission.

Mr. Howell stated that everyone has spoken well of Mr. Combs, and a retirement plaque was presented.

Mr. Pearson stated that with the intermittent snow in March, we have been able to use up the old salt. He went on to report that according to the DTN Weather Service, there will be two more weeks of cold weather, but May will be warmer than normal.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Mr. Doyle stated that Mr. and Mrs. Ham were present and he has explained to them that it was going to be possible to take some material from the top of the hill next spring and spread it down the roadway, in order to assist them with their driveway issue. Mr. Doyle explained that he would also require that the driveway grade be at or higher than the road elevation.

Mr. Howell stated that he was pleased we could work out a solution for this issue.

Mr. Hamm asked how long he would have to complete the driveway. Mr. Doyle stated that they have 90 days to complete the driveway and once completed it is allowable for residential use.

032013-049

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the driveway permit for Mr. Octie Ham with the stipulation that the top of the hill be cut by the Road Commission in the spring and the driveway grade be at or higher than the road elevation. Three ayes. Motion carried

Mr. Howell stated that he appreciated Mr. Ham's preparedness with his diagrams and photographs of the sight distance. Mr. Duckert also added that the photographs made the presentation easier to understand.

Mr. Doyle asked the Board to approve the Haul Route Agreement for Hilltop-Red Dog Aggregate. Mr. Doyle explained that the hauler will apply 250 ton of gravel to the roadway and has agreed to take part in the future improvement with the other haulers. This agreement will be for the remaining 2013 frost restricted period. Mr. Doyle explained that he is trying to set up a meeting to discuss the future use of Deanville Road as a haul route for several local pits.

032013-050

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to approve the Haul Route Agreement with Hilltop-Red Dog Aggregate for hauling designated (Class "A") all weather loads on Churchill/Deanville Roads from the facility entrance to M-53, during the 2013 frost restricted period as stated in Agreement. Three ayes. Motion carried

032013-051

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert for the approval of the 2012 Certification Maps and allow Mr. Gary Howell, Chairman to sign same. Three ayes. Motion carried.

032013-052

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert for the approval of contract with MDOT for left-turn lane work at the intersection of Millville Road and Oregon Road; including lighting, fixed object removal, traffic signal upgrading, and pedestrian signal installation work, and all together with necessary related work, and allow Chairman Gary Howell and Vice Chairman Dale Duckert to sign same. Three ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Doyle went on to state that he held his Pre-Construction Meeting for the High Risk Rural Road projects, and the tree-cutting should begin on April 15 with guardrail and lighting upgrades in May with road work in June.

Mr. Doyle announced that he had gotten verbal confirmation that the 2014 Newark Road at Lake Pleasant Road intersection had been approved with a 90/10 share. Mr. Doyle stated that the design work may also get covered in the award.

Mr. Doyle stated that Mr. Mainz attended the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality meeting on Monday to review the approved 2014-2017 projects. Mr. Doyle explained that in 2014, construction for a passing flare is scheduled for Bowers Road at Roods Lake Road and the design work for the roundabout at Genesee Road/Davison Road and Lake Nepessing Road was approved.

In 2015, the roundabout is scheduled for construction and in 2017 the design work for the passing flair on Saginaw Street at Davis Lake Road is slated. Mr. Doyle stated that the program is subject to change after 2014 as the Federal Transportation Law that governs the funding is only approved for another year.

Mr. Pearson spoke briefly about the Lake Pleasant Road/Newark Road Intersection grade correction. Mr. Doyle stated that the intersection will get a ten foot grade change, and he needs continue working on the right of way issues.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mr. Hemmingsen stated that he attended the Mayfield Township meeting and they requested two additional Township books for their office. Ms. Daily will send the books with Mr. Jostock to deliver.

It was also stated that Mr. Henning and Mr. Schneider from the County Board of Commissioners would like copies of the books. Mr. Pearson stated he will deliver books to all of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Howell declared the meeting adjourned at 5:45 a.m.

Gary Howell, Chairman

Linette Daily, Board Secretary