

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, April 3, 2013  
8:00 a.m.**

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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; Mr. William Meinz, County Highway Engineer; Mr. Ryan Doyle, Assistant Engineer; Ms. Tami Erickson, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. Charles Buckel; Mr. Richard Brandt; Mr. Chris Tippen; Mrs. Cyndi Duckert

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**

**040313-054**

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

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**040313-055**

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for March 20, 2013. Three ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS**

**040313-056**

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to approve disbursements dated April 4, 2013 in the amount of \$226,823.18. Three ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PROJECTS**

**040313-057**

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the following project:  
504 007 133600 Dryden Township -Cutting Dead Trees within the Right of Way- Estimated Cost: \$10,000 (Split with LCRC). Three ayes. Motion carried.

**040313-058**

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to concur with the results of the Independent Auditor's Report 2013-115 prepared by the Michigan Department of Transportation for the 2011 Fiscal Year. Three Ayes. Motion carried.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Pearson was happy to announce that MTF was up this month. He also stated that the salt levels were low in the barns, but he would be required to take seventy percent (1,500 tons) of his ordered back up salt. Mr. Pearson explained that he would wait until after the weight restrictions had been lifted to get the deliveries to North Branch and Imlay City, but would be making repairs to the Lapeer salt barn prior to adding any additional salt.

Mr. Pearson also stated that the roof at the Imlay City location has begun to rot through and must be replaced. Mr. Pearson explained that he has asked for request for proposals for the project.

**ENGINEERING REPORT**

Mr. Mainz stated that the Federal Aid bids were in for Lake Pleasant Road and Ace Asphalt was low bidder. This project will run from Burnside Road to Martus Road and will begin June 3, 2013.

Mr. Mainz explained that the bids for Imlay City Road were out to bid and he was completing the plans for the Dryden Road project.

Mr. Mainz explained to the Board that he had attended the Bridge Conference in Howell last week. He was contacted later and notified that the Road Commission would be audited for bridge inspections. This audit is to make sure that the current ratings are correct. The audit will include ten percent of our bridges and will also review the maintenance and scour reports. Mr. Mainz explained that most of our bridges are very old and we use judgment ratings. Mr. Mainz stated that he does have a Quality Assurance Plan and Scour Monitoring Plans in place, so we should be okay.

Mr. Mainz stated that he had a Rural Task Force meeting scheduled for 10:30 a.m. today to take advantage of \$453,000 of the \$53 million worth of bid savings that are being offered. Lapeer County will split the amount 56%/44% with Shiawassee County. Mr. Mainz stated he would like to overlay a section of Lake Pleasant Road.

Mr. Mainz reported that there was a Karegnondi Waterline Meeting on Friday at the Road Commission office at 1:30 p.m. (This meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for April 18, 2013 at 8:00 a.m.)

Mr. Mainz reported that Deerfield Township approved the Road Commission to submit the grant application for the two bridges on Burnside Road over the Flint River. Mr. Mainz explained that he would also be submitting applications for three additional bridges, and that thirteen counties are all competing for the \$5-6 million dollars of available funding.

Mr. Doyle stated that the bids were due on Friday for the Millville Road/Oregon Road project. Mr. Doyle explained that the intersection project is estimated to be approximately \$525,000.00.

Mr. Doyle explained that he and Mr. Carr attended the MDOT Office Technician training last week and were now officially certified. Mr. Doyle stated that the certification will expire in four years. Mr. Doyle stated that while Mr. Carr learned some new material, it was information overload for himself. Mr. Doyle acknowledged that he learned a lot of good information.

Mr. Doyle stated that the High Risk Rural Road tree cutting on Elba Road will start on April 15, 2013. Mr. Doyle explained that he met with a half a dozen residents regarding trees.

Mr. Doyle explained that he also attended the Oregon Township meeting to answer questions regarding funding options for road projects. Mr. Doyle stated that the road system throughout whole township is in poor shape.

Mr. Mainz added that he is unhappy with the fact that our federal aid projects do not have warranties on them. Mr. Mainz stated that once the contractor has completed all of the work, they are done and we cannot go back to them when a material fails, even if it is within one year.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Richard Brandt, Hadley Township Trustee

Mr. Brandt commented that he also has a quality concern regarding the chip seal which was placed last year. Mr. Brandt stated that he mentioned it last fall that the product did not get placed all the way across the roadway. Mr. Pearson stated that he was aware of the concern and would be asking for prices for a warranty for the 2013 products. There was discussion about whether a warranty could be expected when a road that is in too poor of condition for a chip seal is chip sealed.

Discussion was held regarding the ultra-thin material and a new product (36A) that was used on M-53 south of Marlette.

Mr. Howell declared the meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

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Gary Howell, Chairman

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Linette Daily, Board Secretary