

LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, May 1, 2013
8:00 a.m.

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

Excused: Mr. Dale Duckert, Vice Chairman

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

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

050113-069

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the agenda with the addition of Employee Evaluations. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

050113-070

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the draft Regular Meeting minutes for April 17, 2013. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PROJECTS

050113-071

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

Arcadia Township

504 002 133199 Dust Control- Road Maintenance, 2 Applications with the option of a 3rd
Estimated Cost: \$9,756.53 each or \$29,269.59 for 3

Attica Township

504 003 133201 Ditch Miller Road between Newark and West Roads, East side from Swamp to Newark Road,
West Side from Driveway to Newark Road, 1400 Feet in Total Estimated Cost: \$7,800.00

504 003 133202 Replace 12"x40' X-Tube, Sutton Road between Winslow and Bishop, Ditch Around the Corner
to the Private Drive. Ditch North Side East to Driveway Estimated Cost: \$2,400.00

504 003 133203 Replace 18"x30' X-Tube-Conley, Pull 5 Stumps Estimated Cost: \$2,300.00

Attica Township

504 003 133204 Pull Berm on Atwell Road from Newark to Drain, Level and Brine ONLY
Estimated Cost: \$2,820.00

504 003 133205 Level and Brine ONLY, 10,000 Ton Gravel for Various Local Roads
Estimated Cost: \$9,500.00

Elba Township

489 008 133701 Chip Seal and Fog Seal, Woodland Drive and Woodland Court, Township line to End
Estimated Cost: \$9,191.28

504 008 133798 Roadside Mowing, Up to 3 Double Passes, Jostock
Estimated Cost: \$4,683.00 each or \$14,049.00 for 3

504 008 133799 Dust Control, Road Maintenance, Up to 3 Applications
Estimated Cost: \$5,775.14 each or \$17,325.42 for 3

Hadley Township

504 010 133998 Roadside Mowing, Jostock, 1 Double Swath Estimated Cost: \$4,460.00

504 010 133999 Dust Control, Road Maintenance, 3 Applications with the option of a 4th
Estimated Cost: \$8,956.24 each or \$35,824.96 for 3

Lapeer Township

504 012 134199 Dust Control, Road Maintenance, Up to 4 Applications
Estimated Cost: \$5,135.41 each or \$20,541.64 for 4

Mayfield Township

504 014 0134398 Roadside Mowing, Randy Green, First Mowing to be A Single Swath, Second Double
Estimated Cost: \$7,359.00

Metamora Township

504 015 134499 Dust Control, Road Maintenance, 2 Applications with the Option of a 3rd
Estimated Cost: \$10,627.07 each or \$31,881.21 for 3

489 015 134400 Spread/Level/Brine Only, 10,000 Ton Gravel on Various Roads
Estimated Cost: \$9,500.00

504 015 134401 Brush Mowing, Various Local Roads, 200 Hours, 160 to be funded by Township and 40 to be funded by LCRC, To be Performed by Jostock Estimated Cost: \$16,7225.00

North Branch

504 016 134500 Replace X-tube, Slattery Road at Hasslick, 18''x40'
Estimated Cost: \$2,100.00

504 016 134501 Replace X-tube, Five Lakes Road between Gravel Creek and Oak Grove, 18''x36'
Estimated Cost: \$1,890.00

North Branch

504 016 134502 Tile Old State Road between Jefferson and Burnside, To Prevent Road from Turning Over Each Spring, Estimated Cost: \$3,000.00

504 016 134503 Replace X-tube on Cedar Creek, North of Burnside 18"x36'
Estimated Cost: \$1,890.00

Motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Pearson informed the Board that the Road Commission was struggling with the rain and getting the gravel roads back into shape. He also reported that the Lapeer District was beginning the dust control on the primary roads. It was stated that by applying the material at this time it will lock in the moisture and perform better.

Mr. Pearson stated that he, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Howell, Mr. Hemmingsen, and Mr. Duckert attended the Blue Water Highway Council Meeting in Sandusky on April 30, 2013, but didn't have any news to report regarding new funding for the roadways.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Mr. Mainz reported that he had another Rural Task Force Meeting in Genesee County on May 14, 2013 to finalize the project selections and he has also submitted the bridge applications.

Mr. Doyle stated that the trees are being cut on Elba Road for the Safety Project. Mr. Doyle went on to state that he met with the pit owners on Deanville Road, and has scheduled another meeting on June 18, 2013 when he will have asphalt prices and will have a better estimate on the cost of the project and a cost for each owner.

Mr. Doyle went on to explain that he met with residents on the curve of Millville and McKeen Lake regarding the work that is scheduled on the curve. Mr. Doyle stated that he is having some survey work done to review options for the hill. It was recommended that the residents present their concerns to the Mayfield Township Board for additional work they want done that is not included in this safety project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Ken Crosier, 3621 Bowers Road, Attica

Mr. Crosier was present to ask the Board for a variance that the trees on his property not be cut as part of the Safety Project. Mr. Crosier stated that he understands the policy, but he has seven large maple trees that he hates to lose.

Mr. Doyle explained that the safety grant is given to improve the overall safety in an area that is determined to have a deficiency. Mr. Doyle explained that there were enough funds to cut the trees in the entire right of way, or thirty three feet, and these trees are at approximately twenty eight feet.

Mr. Mainz explained that the High Risk Rural Road grant was applied for and awarded due to the crash history in the area, including fatalities and incapacitating injuries. The emphasis for these types of grants is simple, low cost fixes that reduce fixed objects and improve awareness on the roadway.

Mr. Howell explained that it is a tough call for him as he is a tree lover himself, and would also be bothered if he was in Mr. Crosier's shoes.

Mr. Hemmingsen stated that because it is Federal money and because there is a crash history, there isn't much wiggle room if you spend their money and don't do what you said you were going to do.

Mr. Doyle added that it is much easier to remove trees in a forested area, because when you remove the marked trees, there are just more trees, unlike a nice row of trees on a piece of property. Mr. Doyle stated that it is a tough situation.

Mr. Howell finished by saying that although sympathetic, the purpose of the Federal grant is to remove all trees in the thirty-three foot right of way.

Mr. Crosier stated, with that being said, he would like to save the wood and chips, and is concerned about damage to his yard. Mr. Doyle explained that the contractor must leave the property in as good or better condition when they leave. Mr. Crosier asked if they will live up to that standard. Mr. Doyle stated that the Road Commission will have an inspector on the job to monitor the work. Mr. Crosier asked about having the wood cut into eight foot logs. Mr. Doyle stated that the contractor will contact the homeowners before they cut to get the details on what they would like to do with the cut wood. Mr. Pearson added that if the large logs are too big for the contractor to move, the Road Commission will move them with our loader.

Mr. Crosier then asked if he could have additional trees cut on his property by the contractor. Mr. Doyle stated that he would have to make arrangements with the contractor for this work, but the contractor can accommodate that work.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Employee Evaluations

Mr. Howell stated that he and Mr. Pearson met last week and discussed putting together an employee evaluation form. Mr. Howell explained that Mr. Pearson, Mr. Howell and Mr. Hemmingsen each had different copies of an employee evaluation form, and Mr. Hemmingsen and Mr. Pearson will work together to create one document to be prepared for use at the end of the year.

Mr. Howell then spoke about the payroll report the Board receives for review and approval at the regular meetings and stated that he can see the overtime hours that are paid, but does not see the comp time listed on the report.

Ms. Erickson explained that the report only shows the comp time used. Mr. Howell stated that he would like to see that in the future reports in some way.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

050113-072

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve disbursements dated May 2, 2013 in the amount of \$184,801.05. Motion carried.

Mr. Howell stated that he would also be interested in getting a proposal and presentation from the County Road Association Self-Insurance Fund for workers' compensation insurance coverage. Ms. Daily stated that she will contact the organization for a proposal for the July renewal.

Mr. Howell declared the meeting adjourned at 8:42 a.m.

Gary Howell, Chairman

Linette Daily, Board Secretary