

LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, June 12, 2013
4:30 p.m.

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

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

Mr. Gary Howell, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Lapeer County Road Commission Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

061213-088

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the revised agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

061213-089

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for May 29, 2013. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

061213-090

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve disbursements dated June 13, 2013 in the amount of \$350,967.67. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PROJECTS

Mr. Pearson gave a brief explanation of the projects that the Commissioners had not reviewed at the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

061213-091

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

Attica Township

504 003 133209 Remove two culverts and replace with 18"x46' culvert, and ditch intersection of Miller and Newark Roads. Estimated Cost: \$2,800/Allocation \$1,252.74/Township \$1,547.32

Elba Township

490 008 134803 Replace 36'x51' culvert with 49"x33"x50' culvert on Hunt Road between Golf and Lake Nepessing. Estimated Cost: \$5,574.44/County Bridge Fund \$2,229.78/Township Cost \$3,344.66

Rich Township

504 018 134703 Replace x-tube on Graves off Swaffer 18"x30'. Estimated Cost: \$1,850.00

Almont Township

504 001 133001 Level and Brine Only, 15,000 Ton Gravel. Estimated Cost: \$14,250.00

504 001 133002 Haul and Level, 500 Ton Pit Run. Estimated Cost: \$1,300.00

Attica Township

504 003 133210 Place culvert on Elk Lake Road at the curve, 12"x45' culvert. Estimated Cost: \$1,900.00

Goodland Township

504 009 133898 Roadside Mowing, One Double Swath, To be performed by LCRC.

Estimated Cost: \$5,500.00

504 009 133899 Dust Control, One Application, Road Maintenance. Estimated Cost: \$12,335.52

504 009 133804 Ditch Summers Road 2' deep, South of Lyons Road, East 2000' to Cross Culvert, Cut trees and pull stumps, Replace field drive 12"x30' culvert, lower one driveway, seed and mulch

Estimated Cost: \$18,400.00

Village of Clifford

505 000 139127 Annual Traffic Counts. Estimated Cost: \$275.00

Motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Pearson explained that he needed approval of the Engineering Reimbursement request for Mr. Meinz' services.

061213-092

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the Engineering Reimbursement as required by Act 51 of 1951. Motion carried.

Mr. Pearson reported to the Board that the MTA meeting set for June 18, 2013 has been cancelled due to anticipated low attendance. Mr. Pearson went on to state that his presentation that he was to give will now be on the agenda for the August 20, 2013 meeting.

Mr. Pearson explained that he has asked the Imlay District Foreman to work on the General Squier Road Brine Well location by removing the building, the pump and the casing and mow the area in order for DEQ to approve the well closing.

Mr. Pearson stated that Mr. Adam Schlaud has been hired as the new mechanic and they are beginning the interview process for the Shop Working Foreman vacancy.

Mr. Pearson reported that the scrap tire cleanup project will begin on Tuesday with the semi-trailer being delivered for the transfer of the tires to Environmental Rubber Recycling. Mr. Pearson stated that the Road Commission will work in coordination with the Jail Worksite Coordinator for assistance with the work.

Mr. Pearson explained to the Board that a tree limb fell from a tree into the path of a motorist this week. Mr. Pearson stated that the branch fell in front of the vehicle and no one was injured. Mr. Pearson explained that surprisingly, the branch was not the typical dead branch that we often see, but was full of leaves.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Mr. Doyle stated that the Millville/Oregon project was slated to begin next week and will take approximately one to two months to complete. Mr. Doyle explained that the detour is Davis Lake to M-24 to Genesee Road.

Mr. Doyle also spoke briefly about the Clark Road and McKean Lake Road projects that should be complete within two and a half weeks.

Mr. Doyle went on to state that an issue has arisen on Clark Road with landowner, Mr. Scott Owens, regarding the need for a driveway now that the road has been ditched. Mr. Owens is requesting the Road Commission place a driveway for him to use to enter his field. Mr. Doyle explained that if an existing driveway is present, the Road Commission will replace it when the ditching is complete, but in this case, there wasn't an approved driveway and Mr. Owens was able to just drive into the field off of the roadway because of the lack of ditching. Since the road has been cut and a ditch established, Mr. Owens isn't going to be able to drive into the field. It was determined that if Mr. Owens will pay for the culvert the Road Commission will place the driveway stone.

Mr. Doyle stated that he is continuing to work on surveying the driveways on White Road. Mr. Doyle stated that he is concerned about three driveways that may require a hill cut due to sight distance.

Mr. Mainz explained that the Lake Pleasant Road project has begun and he is hopeful that the project will be complete by the end of next week. Mr. Mainz went on to state that the Imlay City Road project will begin on July first, and the Dryden Road project is still being worked out.

Mr. Mainz explained that he is doing scour monitoring on eleven bridges as required by FWHA, MDOT and the DEQ.

Mr. Mainz reported that an ongoing problem exists on Newark on the gravel portion west of M-24, which is a dead end. Right at the end there is a wetland that flows underneath Newark Road to the north from the south. Mr. Mainz explained that the water flows along northerly and then north westerly around a resident's property. This property owner put in some landscaping years ago that has made the pond grow and has affected the road. The property owner next to the pond is present to speak and he lives on the south side.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Phil Zaccardelli, 3259 W. Newark Road

Mr. Zaccardelli stated that he knows the Road Commission cannot solve the problem, but came today to get some direction on how to come up with a resolution. Mr. Zaccardelli explained that he has over ten acres under water and his trees are drowned. He went on to state that the pond is six feet over what it usually is. Mr. Mainz stated that there is a 250 foot section where the pond is equal with the road and the Road Commission has been building up the road for several years even though there is an equalizer pipe that runs under the road. Mr. Mainz stated that we don't want to build up the road anymore because we do want the water to run over the road versus backing it up onto the property, but it then becomes a road hazard for the seven homeowners using the road.

Mr. Mainz stated that he wrote a letter to Mr. Chris Clampitt at the DEQ in Lansing as he is in charge of homeowner issues, and he has been aware of the issue. We don't want it to get impassable because of emergency services and the effect on peoples livelihoods who travel in and out. Mr. Mainz believes that the landscaping has caused the flow problem.

Mr. Zaccardelli then brought his aerial photos to the bench. Mr. Zaccardelli stated that his 80 year old oak trees are dead as are 150 Tamarack trees. Mr. Zaccardelli stated that the \$250,000 worth of landscaping was put in to create a dam to get the water flowing to create a creek, and if it was removed it would lower his pond by three feet. Mr. Zaccardelli stated that he didn't make a complaint earlier because the problem has just taken this long for all of the property to saturate year after year, and higher and higher, where finally it is at a max where it is coming out of both of the properties and is going to go over the road. He stated that the water was never west of where the stone was put on the road.

Mr. Mainz stated that he has requested a determination in writing from the DEQ.

Mr. Pearson stated that the issue actually exists out of the road right of way, but is affecting the roadway.

It was suggested the Mr. Zaccardelli go to the Township next. Mr. Mainz stated that he has talked to Mr. Boskee regarding this issue and he is aware of what is happening there. Mr. Howell added that Elba Township does have a wetland ordinance.

Mr. Howell declared the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Gary Howell, Chairman

Linette Daily, Board Secretary