

LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, July 24, 2013
4:30 p.m.

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

In Attendance: Mr. Erick Pearson, Managing Director; Mr. William Meinz, County Highway Engineer; Mr. Ryan Doyle, Assistant Engineer; Ms. Tami Erickson, Chief Financial Officer/Acting Secretary to the Board; Mr. Charles Buckel; Mr. Zeb Schons

Mr. Gary Howell, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Lapeer County Road Commission Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

072413-103

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

APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

072413-104

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for July 10, 2013. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

072413-105

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve disbursements dated July 25, 2013 in the amount of \$510,895.67. Motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Pearson stated that he had met with Mr. Boskee from Elba Township discuss the Township's request to contract with a third party to pave some of the roads in Elba Township. Mr. Pearson stated that he had informed Mr. Boskee that this was against Board Policy, and that the Board was not interested in making an exception to their policy at this time. Mr. Pearson reported that Mr. Boskee had stated that if we weren't interested in allowing them to go direct, he would spend his money elsewhere. Mr. Pearson also stated that Mr. Boskee had indicated that he would attend today's meeting.

Mr. Pearson stated that Mr. Ray Hayes from Deerfield Township, who is in attendance, had indicated that he would like to discuss this same topic with the Board at the next Committee of the Whole Meeting. Mr. Hayes stated that he would be attending the next Committee of the Whole Meeting to discuss this; however he was present today for another matter.

Mr. Howell stated that they would defer further discussion of the topic to the next Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Pearson stated that there were residents from Baldwin Road in attendance to speak to the Board regarding dust issues. Mr. Pearson stated that these residents live on Baldwin Road between Brauer and Davison Lake Road. Mr. Pearson stated that within this section of Baldwin Road we had spread some slag on the roadway in the fall of 2010, and then mixed it in with regular gravel. Unfortunately this application had turned into a nightmare for all involved with residue on resident's cars and an extreme amount of dust occurring. Mr. Pearson stated that this dust would continue for the next three years as the slag continues to settle in. Mr. Pearson reported that we have been brining much more frequently, using twice the normal amount, and this seemed to be working. Ms. Mary Lou Brauer stated that it was just brined and after the rain yesterday the dust is already coming back. Ms. Linda

Buchanan stated that the dust was under control this spring when it was heavily brined twice, but if it rains it doesn't last. Further discussion ensued. Mr. Howell inquired if the extra brining isn't working, what other options may be available. Mr. Pearson stated that the only other option would be to remove approximately 6" of material, truck it away and place new limestone on the road. Mr. Pearson explained that to remove this material, as it is so hard, would have to be ground out, similar to grinding an asphalt road. Mr. Pearson further explained that this would be quite expensive, with the limestone alone costing over \$100,000.00. Mr. Hemmingsen stated that it appears we have few options. Further discussion ensued. Mr. Doyle stated that we have been awarded a safety project for next year to improve all of the intersections on Baldwin Road. Mr. Doyle stated that if the removal can be postponed until next year, at least a ¼ mile of the removal could be covered under the safety grant. Mr. Doyle stated that this would help with the funding. Further discussion ensued. It was determined that the residents would let the Road Commission know when additional brining was needed for this year, and the material would be removed next year, in conjunction with the safety project.

Mr. Pearson reported that CRASIP Self Insurance Pool had contacted him to schedule a meeting to review our current safety program and to review they types of training they have available.

Mr. Pearson stated that we have now received all of our back up salt for last year.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Mr. Mainz gave an update on his Federal Aid projects, including Lake Pleasant Road and Imlay City Road. Mr. Mainz stated that the projects are going well.

Mr. Mainz reported that we have been selected by MDOT for an audit of our bridge inspection files. Mr. Mainz reported that one of the requirements is to have our former inspector present at the audit. Unfortunately our inspector has retired and closed his business, so he is unsure if he will be able to locate him.

Mr. Doyle reported that all of the High Risk Rural Road Projects are nearly completed. All of the roads are open to traffic, with just corrugations to be done on Saturday, followed by striping next week. Mr. Doyle reported that the Millville/Oregon Road intersection is moving ahead of schedule. Mr. Doyle stated that he is hopeful it will be open by the middle of next week.

Mr. Doyle stated that he received word that Deerfield Township had approved the paving of White Road. Mr. Doyle stated that a public hearing needs to be set. Ms. Erickson stated that she had contacted the Township, and the Township Hall is available on Monday, August 26th any time during the day. It was decided to set the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

PUBLIC TIME

Mr. Danny Jennings stated that he was present to discuss a driveway variance for his property on Fox Lake Road. Mr. Jennings presented the Board with several pictures of the roadway, the area which he would like to place the drive, an aerial view and a sketch of the location and various reference points. Mr. Jennings stated that this drive would be to access a storage building he would like to build on his property to store his vintage cars. Mr. Jennings stated that this drive would only be utilized once a month. Mr. Doyle stated that he had not been out to look at the site, but he had the paperwork from the inspector. Discussion ensued. It was decided that Mr. Doyle would arrange to meet with Mr. Jennings to review the site and see if there was a possible solution to the location problem. Mr. Doyle stated that he would be in touch with Mr. Jennings on Monday or Tuesday to set up a meeting.

Diane Reed introduced herself, her husband Jack Reed, and daughter Katherine Reed of 611 Columbiaville Road, stating that they were present to discuss a water issue on their property which has gotten worse over the last several years. Ms. Reed proceeded to give a history of the road, the water issue and their property. Ms. Reed then presented the Board with several pictures and a sketch of the area, the water flow and the issues they were experiencing. Discussion ensued. Mr. Ray Hayes, Deerfield Township stated that Reed's really needed to know if there was an issue with building a berm to re-route the water. Mr. Hemmingsen stated that it is possible that building a berm could create a whole other set of problems. It was agreed that the Road Commission would do some research, get some elevations of the area, and see if there is a solution to the issue. Mr. Howell stated that we would coordinate through Mr. Hayes.

**APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT TRAVEL FOR MR. DOYLE TO CRAM CONFERENCE
072413-106**

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve travel to and overnight accommodations for Mr. Doyle to attend the CRAM conference in Boyne on September 4th. Motion carried.

Mr. Hemmingsen stated that he also may be interested in attending.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Mr. Howell stated that he and Mr. Hemmingsen attended the Blue Water Highway Council Meeting. Mr. Howell stated that the insurance presentation was very detailed and rather long.

Mr. Howell declared the meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Gary Howell, Chairman

Linette Daily, Board Secretary