

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, January 22, 2014
4:30 p.m.**

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

In Attendance: Ms. Tami Erickson, Chief Financial Officer; Ms. Linette Daily, Board Secretary; Mr. Erick Pearson, Managing Director; Mr. Ryan Doyle, County Highway Engineer
Mr. Charles Buckel, Mr. Norman Snoblen, Ms. Pat DeMoss

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

Mr. Doyle asked that a Haul Route Agreement be added to the agenda for approval.

012214-009

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

APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

012214-010

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for January 8, 2014. Motion carried.

012214-011

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the Executive Meeting minutes for January 8, 2014. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

012214-012

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve disbursements dated January 23, 2014 in the amount of \$622,871.70. Motion carried.

It was stated that the high disbursement amount is the result of the payment for the new grader, fuel cost and payroll which includes a large amount of overtime again.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Pearson reported that he has already spent \$1.19 million dollars on winter maintenance this season.

Mr. Pearson explained to the Board that he is going to make a change in the payroll period in order to have totals available for the Board at an earlier date. The pay period will end on Friday now versus Sunday.

Mr. Pearson explained that the Annual Bids will be opened tomorrow at 1:00 p.m.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Mr. Doyle asked the Board to approve the Haul Route Agreement for Crown City Pictures in the event they will need to use it during frost laws.

012214-013

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Howell to approve the Haul Route Agreement with Crown City Pictures to haul Class A loads on Caley Road from M-24 to 1487 Caley Road during 2014 frost restricted period. Motion carried

Mr. Doyle explained that he has learned that the Stormwater, Asset Management, and Wastewater (SAW) Grants are going to be awarded by lottery, and the announcement will be made by mid-February.

Mr. Doyle stated that the Rural Task Force local meeting will be held on February 18, 2014.

Mr. Doyle reported that he is working on getting the projects into MDOT for the upcoming construction season.

PUBLIC TIME

Ms. Pat DeMoss, 4455 Baldwin Road

Ms. DeMoss stated that five years ago the Road Commission paved Baldwin Road to Caley Road, and then stopped. Ms. DeMoss went on to state that since that piece was paved, the remaining gravel portion of Baldwin Road is not being maintained and currently still has a layer of ice on it. Ms. DeMoss stated that the Road Commission did plow the road after we received seventeen inches of snow and did throw some sand after the ice storm, but the road is pure ice right now.

Ms. DeMoss added that in the summer she has to call to get the weeds cut, and she has had to do that two years in a row.

Ms. DeMoss asked if the Road Commission forgot that Baldwin Road is a primary road, and wants to know why it is being ignored.

Mr. Pearson stated that this section is a gravel primary and gravel roads are all treated alike. Mr. Pearson stated that in 2011 11,000 ton of limestone was placed on that road and another 5,500 ton of limestone was placed in 2012. Mr. Pearson explained that the trees were cut along the roadway when the State indicated they were going to use Baldwin Road as a detour route when M-24 was going to be under construction and closed. Unfortunately, MDOT decided not to use a detour, so the paving plans were shelved.

Mr. Pearson reported that as part of a safety project this year, two feet will be cut from the hill near Ms. DeMoss's residence and two feet will be added at the bottom of the hill to improve the sight distance for motorists, but the Road Commission cannot afford to pave the remaining gravel portion.

Ms. DeMoss stated that the roadway was maintained twice as good prior to the paving as it is being maintained now, and now it is being ignored.

Mr. Pearson explained that the winter maintenance in Lapeer County follows a schedule where I-69 and the M-routes are cleared first and then the paved primaries are done. Mr. Pearson explained that gravel roads are done last and are not done on overtime. Mr. Pearson stated that higher traffic gravels do have higher priority. Mr. Pearson agreed that traffic does travel fast on that roadway.

Mr. Howell asked Mr. Pearson about the weed issue. Mr. Pearson explained that the Road Commission also mows the state routes first and then moves to the primary roads. This year there were tractor issues that delayed the mowing slightly.

Ms. DeMoss restated that there is still ice on the road since the ice storm. Mr. Pearson explained to the Board that he had driven the road prior to the meeting and stated that there is gravel showing in the wheel tracks, he went on to report that the district foreman, Mr. Jostock, also reported that the road was showing gravel.

Ms. DeMoss asked the Board if they were going to maintain the roadway. Mr. Pearson stated that we will go down and put sand on the roadway if it needs it.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mr. Duckert stated that the frost is heaving the paved roads badly and there are huge pot holes forming.

Ms. DeMoss asked why M-24 is not sanded when it is too cold to salt. Mr. Pearson explained that MDOT does not like us to use sand on their roads as it plugs the catch basins and creates dust on the roadway.

Mr. Howell declared the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Gary Howell, Chairman

Linette Daily, Board Secretary