

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

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Present: Mr. Gary Howell, Chairman; Mr. Dale Duckert, Vice Chairman; Mr. Michael Hemmingsen, Member  
In Attendance: Ms. Linette Daily, Board Secretary; Mr. Erick Pearson, Managing Director; Mr. Ryan Doyle,  
County Highway Engineer; Ms. Tami Erickson, Chief Financial Officer

Also in attendance: Mr. Charles Buckel, Mr. Richard Brandt, Mr. Mike Burke, and Mr. Mike Boskee

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**

**043014-079**

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

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**043014-080**

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for April 16, 2014. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS**

**043014-081**

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to approve disbursements dated May1, 2014 in the amount of \$355,692.41. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PROJECTS**

**043014-082**

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

**Oregon Township**

489 017 144600 3,000 Ton Gravel to be Spread on McDowell Road between Elba and Washburn. Estimated Cost: \$26,850.00/ Township Cost

504 017 144601 500 Ton Gravel to be Spread on Stanley Road between Klam and Carpenter  
Estimated Cost: \$4,475.00/ Township Cost

504 017 144602 Spot Ditching on West Lake from Marathon Road West on the South Side of the Road  
Estimated Cost: \$2,000.00/Township Cost

489 017 144603 Work on Indian between Oregon and Pero Lake in 3 Locations as follows:

Crush, shape and pave Indian in 3 locations:

Indian from McDowell Road to 900 Feet South of Pero Lake Road,

Indian Road south of McDowell Road 360 Feet of the Portion Deteriorated on Crest of Hill,

Indian Road Drainage Problem Area 500 Feet

Estimated Cost: \$146,972.52= \$19,935.52/Allocation, \$127,037.00/Township

Motion carried.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Pearson explained to the Board that with the long winter and higher expenses, he was forced to make adjustments to the 2014 Budget. Mr. Pearson asked the Board to approve the 2013 Final Budget and the 2014 Amendment.

**043014-083**

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to approve the 2013 Final Budget. Motion carried.

Discussion pursued regarding the 2014 Budget layout and the Fund Balance definition. Ms. Erickson stated that she and Mr. Pearson have been in discussion about the Budget layout and will continue to work on that issue. It was decided to delay the approval of the 2014 Budget Amendment until the revisions are made.

**043014-084**

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to approve the Pavement Marking Bid Tabulations and award to Michigan Pavement Markings. Motion carried.

Mr. Pearson stated that we received three bids for the lawn maintenance at the Lapeer Garage. Mr. Pearson stated that there were two low bidders. Mr. Pearson stated that one of the low bidders has had the contract the past two years, we were familiar with this vendor and had no complaints regarding their work.

**043014-085**

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the Lawn Maintenance Bid Tabulations and award to B&B Lawn and Landscape. Motion carried.

Mr. Pearson gave an update on the pump station at Fish Lake and Haines Roads, explaining that we decided to upgrade the pump to a three phase motor. Mr. Pearson explained that this pump is going to be there a long time, so the investment makes sense as the three phase is a better motor and can be moved if ever needed elsewhere. Mr. Pearson also spoke about replacing 150 feet of the metal pipe that had seam failures with new plastic piping. Mr. Pearson explained that when the weather dries up they will replace the rest of the pipe that drains the water to the Bryant Drain.

**ENGINEERING REPORT**

Mr. Doyle stated that he sent a letter to MDOT regarding the Dryden Road delay, and asked for a special meeting to avoid having to wait for the once a month meeting scheduled for May 22.

Mr. Doyle explained that he attended the Rural Task Force Meeting this morning and the new Region V Bylaws were approved.

Mr. Doyle stated that he received the letter from Rowe Engineering regarding the posting of the Imlay City Bridge over the Belle River. Mr. Doyle explained that he has called Scott's Corporation and IDF Cleanup regarding the posting and explained that he will ask for approval of the TCO at the next Regular Meeting, and place an effective date after Memorial Day. Mr. Doyle explained that he has a call in to Rowe Engineering regarding their recommendation to get the load rating bumped back up.

**PUBLIC TIME**

Mr. Mike Boskee, Elba Township Supervisor

Referencing the three phase pump that the Road Commission placed at Fish Lake and Haines Road, Mr. Boskee stated that he is very familiar with pump stations as they have three hundred and forty some pumps in their lift stations for the sewer system, and he stated that the three phase motors are more forgiving with the electrical fluctuations that we have here in Lapeer and a good investment.

Mr. Boskee then explained that he was here to ask for a variance for the driveway at the Elba Township Fire Station, as the permit was denied by the Road Commission. Mr. Boskee explained that the Fire Station was built in 1956, and they recently built two new bays to the south and the permit was for a driveway out of the new bays, but was denied due to sight distance.

Mr. Boskee provided photos of the station and the roadway. Mr. Boskee reported that he understands the safety issue, as there is one place in the road that traffic is lost, but due to the recent safety grant on Hadley Road, additional signs, rumble strips and a blinking light prepares drivers for the upcoming stop. Mr. Boskee stated that he asked the Sheriff Department to do a speed study which was conducted from April 18-24, and came up with a 47 mph average speed.

Mr. Boskee stated that he is asking for the variance so the trucks can pull straight out onto the roadway, as he feels this is a safer entrance onto the road than at an angle as would be the only option if driveway is denied.

Mr. Mike Burke, Elba Township Fire Chief stated that in the 42 years that he has been at the Department there have been no accidents at the fire station.

Mr. Doyle stated that he is not worried about the fire trucks having an issue of sight distance, but is concerned about passenger vehicles that will pull into the station driveway to turn around. Brief discussion was held regarding this situation. It was suggested that new dramatic signage stating “fire trucks only” should be put up along with line painting when the lot is repaved. It was stated that Mr. Doyle will work with the Fire Department to come up with the appropriate warning indicators to alleviate traffic from entering this area.

**043014-086**

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the driveway variance for the Elba Township Fire Department upon the agreement that the County Highway Engineer and the Township Supervisor come up with appropriate signage for the driveway. Motion carried.

Mr. Rick Brandt, Hadley Township Trustee

Mr. Brandt stated that he had heard that the chip seal program had been cancelled, and wanted to know if Hadley Township could still continue with their program. Mr. Pearson stated that yes; the chip seal contractor will schedule the work when they are in the area.

Mr. Brandt also stated that since Ribble Pit was now closed, they were going with Eisenhardt for their gravel. Mr. Pearson explained that the Road Commission would like to get into Ribble Pit for material next year.

Mr. Brandt also spoke about blacktopping another road in the Township for 2015.

**Commissioner Reports and Comments**

Mr. Howell stated that he also attended the Rural Task Force meeting and was pleased to have the 56-44% split between Lapeer and Shiawassee Counties placed into the bylaws. It was explained that the split for funding is calculated based on population and miles.

Mr. Howell declared the meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

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Gary Howell, Chairman

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Linette Daily, Board Secretary