

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, December 10, 2014
4:30 p.m.**

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

Also in attendance: Mr. Zeb Schons, Mr. Charles Buckel, Ms. Lynnette Meinz, Mr. Kevin Kilby

Mr. Dale Duckert, Vice 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

121014-218

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

APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

121014-219

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for November 26, 2014. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

121014-220

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve disbursements dated December 11, 2014 in the amount of \$426,065.73. Motion carried.

Manager's Report

Mr. Pearson asked the Board to approve the 2015 Meetings and Holiday Schedule.

121014-221

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the 2015 Meetings and Holiday Schedule as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the request from Imlay Township to schedule a public hearing to discuss the request to change the road surface from asphalt to gravel.

A date at the end of January will be set for the meeting at Imlay Township.

Mr. Pearson spoke about the meeting he had with MDOT and the snow removal contractor for the rest area on I-69. Mr. Pearson explained that the contractor is responsible for snow removal when there are two or more inches of snow, and the Road Commission will handle anything less than that amount. Mr. Pearson stated that the Road Commission will coordinate with the contractor regarding the snow removal operation in order to keep the rest area as clear as possible for safe use.

Mr. Pearson went on to state that this mild winter weather is a nice surprise for the Road Commission.

ENGINEERING REPORT

121014-222

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the haul route with Ligon Farms, LLC to use over length trailers on Hough Road from M-53, to transport hay and farm materials. Motion carried.

121014-223

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve TCO #3(18)2014 in accordance with the Engineer’s recommendation, that Sarles Road over the Natural Waterway between Chamberlain Road and Seyforth Road in Rich Township be posted OPEN TO LEGAL TRAFFIC. Motion carried.

Mr. Doyle gave an update on the topics of discussion at the CRA Engineering Committee meeting and explained that he will be bidding out the traffic signal services as well as the DEQ Permit Services.

Mr. Doyle reported that the meeting was held regarding the Brocker Road culvert issue, and he stated that the contractor is willing to correct the problem.

Mr. Doyle stated that he had received a letter from the attorney for the KWA project requesting a variance for the required bond. Mr. Hemmingsen and Mr. Duckert both explained that they are concerned about any repairs that may need to be made to the roadway if the contractor does not perform as agreed to. Mr. Doyle explained that there is a maintenance agreement for the haul route, which has a \$100,000 bond for repairs, and there is a three year maintenance agreement for the project once it is completed, but nothing to cover the actual roadway affected when the construction is taking place.

Mr. Kevin Kilby, Attorney/McGraw Morris

Mr. Kilby explained that he was brought into this project only recently and is in charge of finding a solution. Mr. Kilby explained that they have spoken with three separate bond companies and none of them will issue a bond to the Road Commission as the Road Commission is not the owner of the pipeline. It was discussed that an agreement could be drawn up that would require KWA to cover any damages should the contractor not perform as required by the Road Commission. Mr. Kilby will draft the agreement.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Mr. Duckert stated that the gravel roads look good with the touch up grading that has happened.

Mr. Duckert declared the meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Gary Howell, Chairman

Linette Daily, Board Secretary