

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, February 17, 2015
8:30 a.m.**

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; Mr. Destain Gingell, Staff Engineer

Also in attendance: Mr. David Shiflett

Mr. Gary Howell, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. in the Meeting Room of the Lapeer County Road Commission Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

021715-029

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

APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

021715-030

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for February 4, 2015. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

021715-031

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Hemmingsen to approve disbursements dated February 19, 2015 in the amount of \$271,906.57. Motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Pearson explained that he was working on the first budget amendment. Mr. Pearson explained that the Federal Aid Projects are difficult to budget accurately as the final cost of the project depends on the low bid and the actual cost of the project. Mr. Pearson explained that the first cost projections entered onto the budget in September are LCRC engineer's application estimates. When the project is approved, MDOT uses their current engineer's estimates in the contract that the Board must sign. The project is then let and the low bid price then becomes the approved cost for the project. When the bids are received, the budget can then be amended to reflect anticipated cost. If the project goes over the bid price, the budget will need to be amended once again. Mr. Pearson stated that the bids should all be received in March and the budget amendment will be presented in April.

MERS Contribution Increase Proposal

Mr. Pearson explained that he would like to make another 5% employer contribution increase for divisions 01 (1071) and 11 (Supervision, Clerical, Engineering) as suggested by Tegrit Group, the MERS actuarial consultant in 2014. Mr. Pearson explained that he would like to attain 75-80% pension funding, and this additional payment will continue to move the Road Commission closer to this goal.

021715-032

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the additional 5% MERS pension payment for Divisions 01 and 11 beginning March 1, 2015. Motion carried.

Mr. Pearson went on to speak about the Township Association meeting which the Road Commission will be speaking at this evening. Mr. Pearson gave a brief overview of the presentation he was going to present to the group at the Mayfield Township Hall. Mr. Pearson explained that he would speak about the new ditching, tree and brush program he was offering and the new legislation highlights.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Mr. Doyle stated that the DEQ may allow us to leave the culvert on Brocker Road as placed, but the contractor will have to bring in a lot of gravel and embankment to complete the project.

Mr. Doyle went on to state that three projects that were recently let were between 10-14% over the engineer's estimate, with the roundabout project coming in 5-6% under the estimate. The increase in costs were found to be in asphalt, up \$6-10 per ton from last year and limestone was up \$6-10 from last year. Mr. Doyle stated that the 2016 projects will be announced this week.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Dave Shiflett

Mr. Shiflett was present to speak about the roundabout project and the effect that he believes it will have on his property which is located in the southwest quadrant. Mr. Shiflett stated that there is so much water already and the saturation point is twelve inches with the sump pumps pumping. Mr. Shiflett explained that he asked for a tile previously.

Mr. Doyle reported that our consultant and the Drain Commission did a drainage study for the project and both of the studies showed that the drainage proposed is adequate. Mr. Doyle commented that there isn't anything we can do about the existing water table.

At 9:10 a.m., Mr. Doyle left the meeting.

Mr. Gingell stated that the report states that the new road construction will not have an adverse effect on the surrounding property.

Mr. Shiflett asked if there was a possibility to place a culvert. Mr. Gingell explained that there are culverts designed into the project. Mr. Shiflett stated that he would like to address the problem now rather than kick the can down the road.

Mr. Gingell spoke briefly about the Bronson Lake project.

Mr. Howell declared the meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Dale Duckert, Vice Chairman

Linette Daily, Board Secretary