

LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, June 24, 2015
5:10 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; Mr. Destain Gingell, Staff Engineer

Also in attendance: Mr. Al Derey, Bronson Lake Association; Mr. James Fish; Mr. Don States; Ms. Victoria Gregor; Mr. Steve Seres, Mr. Steve Schlaud

Employees: Mr. Charles Buckel, Mr. Gary Haack, Mr. John Franzel, Mr. Todd Hauxwell, Mr. Harold Martin, Mr. Troy Wisenbaugh, Mr. Leonard Sanford, Mr. Zeb Schons, Mr. Joshua Solon, Mr. Scott Mawer

Mr. Dale Duckert, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Lapeer County Road Commission Building. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

062415-116

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the agenda with the amendment to add an executive session for the purpose of labor negotiations. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

062415-117

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for June 10, 2015. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

062415-118

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve disbursements dated June 25, 2015 in the amount of \$486,452.28. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ROAD PROJECT AGREEMENTS

062415-119

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

Dryden Township

504 007 153605 Replace 24" x 60' Culvert on Crawford Road between Mill Road and Rochester Road
Estimated Cost: \$4,000.00 Township

504 007 153604 Replace 18" x 48' Culvert on Haven Road between Casey Road and Crawford Road
Estimated Cost: \$2,850.00 Township

504 007 153606 Replace 18" x 40' Culvert on Casey Road between Hosner and Lake George Road
Estimated Cost: \$2,310.00 Township

Goodland Township

504 009 153804 Replace 18" x 40' Culvert on Utley Road between Blacks Corners Road and Summers Road
Estimated Cost: \$2,310.00/\$1,155.00 Allocation/\$1,155.00 Township

Lapeer Township

504 012 154105 Brush Mowing- To be Performed in Fall by Jostock Trucking
Estimated Cost: \$10,000.00/\$5,000.00 Tree Allocation/\$5,000.00 Township

Mayfield Township

489 014 154304 Overlay of Vernor Road between Farnsworth Road and Roods Lake (4,965 Feet)
Estimated Cost: \$93,872.50 Township

504 014 154305 Brush Mowing- To Be Performed in Fall by Jostock Trucking
Estimated Cost: \$10,000.00/Tree Allocation \$5,000.00/\$5,000.00 Township

Motion carried.

062415-120

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the Retirement Resolution for Mr. Larry Secson.

WHEREAS, Larry Secson started with the Road Commission in June of 1978 as a summer seasonal worker, was hired full time in September 1981 as a Maintenance Grader Operator for the Lapeer Garage, 1986 as a Construction Grader, 1987 as a Maintenance Grader for North Branch and in October of 1989 became a Heavy Equipment Operator and has remained there for the remainder of his career; and,

WHEREAS, Larry Secson is an outstanding and faithful employee of the Lapeer County Road Commission; and,

WHEREAS, Larry Secson has used his skills as a Grader Operator and Operator of Heavy Equipment to maintain the roads in the North Branch District for the past thirty four plus years; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of Larry Secson's diligence and strong work ethic, he has contributed greatly to the excellent condition of the roads in the North Branch District, ensuring the wellbeing of all who use them; and,

WHEREAS, Larry Secson will be retiring June 26, 2015 after more than thirty four years of faithful service to the community; and,

WHEREAS, Larry Secson's devotion and hard work will be missed by one and all.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Lapeer County Road Commissioners, does hereby extend our sincere thanks and heartfelt gratitude.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be entered into the records of the Board of Lapeer County Road Commissioners, Lapeer County, State of Michigan on this twenty-fourth day of June, 2015, there to remain forever.

Roll call: Mr. Howell, absent; Mr. Hemmingsen, aye; Mr. Duckert, aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Pearson stated that Mr. Secson is a very good operator and has been an asset for the Road Commission. Mr. Pearson explained that Larry will be missed in the North Branch District.

062415-121

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the Retirement Resolution for Mr. Greg McQueen.

WHEREAS, Greg McQueen started with the Lapeer County Road Commission in March of 1999 as a mechanic in the Lapeer garage and on April 8, 2013 became a Heavy Equipment Operator; and,

WHEREAS, Greg McQueen is an exceptional employee of the Lapeer County Road Commission; and,

WHEREAS, Greg McQueen has used his skills as a Mechanic to keep The Lapeer County Road Commission equipment in working order and his expertise as an Operator of Heavy Equipment to maintain the roads in Lapeer County for the past sixteen plus years; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of Greg McQueen's attentiveness and outstanding work ethic , he has contributed greatly to the excellent condition of the roads in Lapeer County, ensuring the wellbeing of all who use them; and,

WHEREAS, Greg McQueen will be retiring June 26, 2015 after more than sixteen years of faithful service to the community; and,

WHEREAS, Greg McQueen's commitment and hard work will be missed by one and all.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Lapeer County Road Commissioners, does hereby extend our sincere thanks and heartfelt gratitude.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be entered into the records of the Board of Lapeer County Road Commissioners, Lapeer County, State of Michigan on this twenty-fourth day of June, 2015, there to remain forever.

Roll call: Mr. Howell, absent; Mr. Hemmingsen, aye; Mr. Duckert, aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Pearson stated that Mr. McQueen started in the shop and moved to North Branch recently. Mr. Pearson went on to state that Mr. McQueen is a very conscientious operator and will be missed as well.

062415-122

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the amended Inspection of Records Policy. Motion carried.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Mr. Doyle reported that the roundabout was able to open two weeks early and was under budget. The Bronson Lake project is finished and the Fish Lake project has started and will be impassable for a few weeks. Mr. Doyle spoke about the Oregon Road project being ready for pavement tomorrow, and the progress on the Mayfield Road paving.

Mr. Hemmingsen thanked Mr. Doyle for his work on the first Lapeer roundabout project as it appears to be a success and is moving along smoothly.

062415-123

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve MDOT contract for Job Number 127698A for Overband crack filling work along various federal-aid routes county wide; and all together with necessary related work in the amount of \$93,930.00/State Transportation Funds \$75,144.00/LCRC \$18,786.00 and allow Vice Chairman, Dale Duckert and Member Michael Hemmingsen to sign. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Al Derey stated that he was present in order to ask the Road Commission for a variance to replace the fence along the edge of Bronson Lake on the other side of the guardrail. Mr. Derey explained that the fence was removed when the Road Commission did the work on the roadway for the safety project. Mr. Derey thanked the Road Commission for the openings which now have been placed in the guardrail.

Mr. Derey went on to state that the fence will have to be placed very near the guardrail in some places.

Mr. Doyle explained that the Road Commission usually doesn't allow a fence in the right of way, but have allowed it under certain conditions where it did not pose a safety risk. Mr. Doyle went on to explain that he would like to have the fence four feet behind the guardrail to allow the guardrail installer adequate room to make repairs if needed. Mr. Doyle added that he would also like to know that the DEQ has also given approval for the placement of the fence along the lake.

Mr. Derey explained that 604 feet of the fence still stands and there are places that are as close as eight inches away from the back of the guardrail now. Mr. Derey reported that a four foot allowance would put the fence in the water in some locations. Mr. Derey stated that 300 feet of fence needs to be put up and they would like to keep it in a straight line along the lake. Mr. Derey added that the poles can only be placed into soil when it is available, so this request is a hardship request.

Mr. Doyle explained that if snow is pushed up against and over the guardrail it may damage the fence. Mr. Derey stated that there has never been damage from the plowed snow. Mr. Hemmingsen stated that the permit shall state that the Road Commission shall not be responsible for any damage incurred by the piling of snow from the roadway.

It was stated that the fence has been in place since 1976 to prevent people from parking on the roadway, depositing garbage, and using the area as a camping location.

062415-123

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the variance for the replacement of the fence with the understanding that the permit will state that the Road Commission is not responsible for any damage to the fence from our vehicles or others, and with placement as far away from the guardrail as possible. Tabled.

Mr. Fish explained that there are places that will be very close, because if the fence is placed in the lake the ice will destroy it. Mr. Duckert and Mr. Pearson stated that they are concerned about the fence placement and would like to see a detailed map of where the fence will be placed before it is put up.

Mr. Zeb Schons, Working Foreman, explained to the Board that he wanted to speak to the Board about the maintenance crew and the positive experience he gets when he works in the garages at all different times. Mr. Schons stated that the crews bend over backwards for him when he is assigned to their location. Mr. Schons stated that on Tuesday he sent the crew out to Spaulding Road to fix a failed culvert with material. Mr. Schons explained that the crew notified him that it would be just as easy to replace the failed culvert while they were there in order to save time and money. Mr. Schons stated that that sort of decision should have been his, yet these guys were experienced enough to know that they could make the improvement that day without having to come back at a later date. Mr. Schons went on to state that this short staff is keeping this place going and they are doing a good job. Mr. Duckert stated that he is aware that the Road Commission has good employees.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

062415-124

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to go into executive session at 5:50 p.m. Roll call vote: Mr. Howell, absent; Mr. Hemmingsen, aye; Mr. Duckert, aye. Motion carried.

062415-125

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to return to regular session and accept the minutes from the executive session. Motion carried.

062415-126

Motion by Mr. Hemmingsen, seconded by Mr. Duckert to approve the Tentative Agreement with the Supervisory, Clerical and Engineering Employees Association. Motion carried.

Mr. Duckert declared the meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Gary Howell, Chairman

Linette Daily, Board Secretary