

**LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
VIRTUAL PHONE-REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, May 6, 2020
4:30 p.m.**

Present. James Novak, Jr. Chairman; Mr. Dale Duckert, Vice Chairman; Mr. Les Nichols, Member; Mrs. Linette Weston, Board Secretary; Mr. Erick Pearson, Managing Director; Mr. Destain Gingell, County Highway Engineer; Mr. Zeb Schons, Superintendent of Operations; Mr. Jeff Lutes, Union President; Mr. Terry Jostock

Chairman Novak called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. via teleconference.

Approval of Agenda

050620-059

Motion by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Duckert to approve the agenda with the addition of the MDOT Engineering Reimbursement form. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Novak, Nichols, Duckert. Motion carried

Approval of Prior Board Meeting Minutes

050620-060

Motion by Commissioner Nichols seconded by Commissioner Duckert to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for April 22, 2020. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Novak, Nichols, Duckert. Motion carried

Approval of Disbursements

050620-061

Motion by Commissioner Duckert, seconded by Commissioner Nichols to approve the Accounts Payable and Payroll dated May 7, 2020 in the amount of \$390,175.42. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Novak, Nichols, Duckert. Motion carried

Approval of Road Project Agreements

050620-062

Motion by Commissioner Duckert, seconded by Commissioner Nichols to approve the three Road Project Agreements.

Deerfield Township

504 006 203521 Roadside Mowing, LCRC Forces, Estimated Cost: \$13,808.00/\$6,904.00

LCRC/\$6,904.00 Township

504 006 203522 Brush Axe and Tree Removal Program, Estimated Cost: \$10,000/\$5,000 LCRC/\$5,000 Township

504 006 203523 Ditching Program, Estimated Cost: \$10,000/\$5,000 LCRC/\$5,000 Township

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Novak, Nichols, Duckert. Motion carried

Managing Director Report

050620-063

Motion by Commissioner Duckert, seconded by Commissioner Nichols to approve the Lawn Maintenance Bid Tabulation. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Novak, Nichols, Duckert. Motion carried

Mr. Pearson explained that as a requirement of Executive Order 2020-70, the Road Commission has put together a COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan. Mr. Pearson explained that as essential workers being at the workplace, we are required to have a plan to prevent or minimize the spread of illness while preserving, to the extent possible, the continuity of operations.

050620-064

Motion by Commissioner Duckert, seconded by Commissioner Nichols to approve the Lapeer County Road Commission COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Novak, Nichols, Duckert. Motion carried

050620-065

Motion by Commissioner Duckert, seconded by Commissioner Nichols to approve the MDOT Engineering Reimbursement. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Novak, Nichols, Duckert. Motion carried

Mr. Pearson explained to the Board that MDOT has informed him that there will be limited mowing and no Adopt a Highway Programs. Mr. Pearson stated that the current prediction is for an 8.3 percent reduction in MTF, which means we will need to make a budget amendment within the coming months after the receipts are received.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Schons explained that the North Branch crews are conducting shoulder maintenance, the dust control will begin on the primary system next week and come ditching and culvert replacement has also begun. Mr. Schons stated that the MISDIG markers are 2-3 weeks behind which will slow our work slightly.

Engineering Report

050620-066

Motion by Mr. Duckert, seconded by Mr. Nichols to approve the Bid Tabulations for the Barnes Road Over Squaw Creek Drain Rehabilitation and award in the best interest for the Road Commission. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Novak, Nichols, Duckert. Motion carried

050620-067

Motion by Commissioner Nichols seconded by Commissioner Duckert to approve the Bid Tabulations for the Barnes Road Rehabilitation & Overlay- M-24 to Silverwood Road. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Novak, Nichols, Duckert. Motion carried

050620-068

Motion by Commissioner Nichols seconded by Commissioner Duckert to approve the Bid Tabulations for the Oregon Road Rehabilitation- Washburn Road to Elba Road and Oregon Road Rehabilitation- Elba Road to Indian Road. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Novak, Nichols, Duckert. Motion carried

Mr. Gingell stated the Bronson Lake project will begin on May 11, 2020 and the road will be closed. Mr. Gingell reported that the traffic counts are also underway.

Public Comment

Mr. Terry Jostock asked if Committee of the Whole minutes were available. Mrs. Weston stated that they were available by request.

Commissioner Comments

Mr. Duckert stated that he did get some complaints about the berm being pulled, but they appear to be straightened out now.

Mr. Nichols questioned how the Columbiaville project bids could be so far off of the Engineers estimate. Mr. Pearson explained that this project was not a Road Commission project.

Mr. Novak stated that the got calls in favor of and against the pulling of the shoulders.

Chairman Novak declared the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

James Novak Jr., Chairman

Linette Weston, Board Secretary