

LAPEER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING- ELECTRONIC REMOTE ACCESS
Wednesday, December 2, 2020
4:30 p.m.

Per the MDHHS Emergency Order under MCL 333.2253, and in accordance with Public Act 228 of 2020, remote access was implemented per the requirements of PA 228 of 2020.

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

Chairman Novak called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda

120220-178

Motion by Commissioner Duckert, seconded by Commissioner Nichols to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Prior Board Meeting Minutes

120220-179

Motion by Commissioner Nichols seconded by Commissioner Duckert to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for November 18, 2020. Motion carried.

Approval of Disbursements

120220-180

Motion by Commissioner Duckert, seconded by Commissioner Nichols to approve the Accounts Payable dated November 19, 2020 in the amount of \$50,110.00 and Accounts Payable and Payroll dated December 3, 2020 in the amount of \$605,853.05. Motion carried.

Superintendent Report

120220-181

Motion by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Duckert to declare equipment #6284 and #6285 (2002 Volvo Wing Plows), #6356 (2000 Henderson Slide in Salter, and #712 2001 CAT Loader as surplus. Motion carried.

Mr. Schons explained that the Road Commission will cancel the remaining Committee of the Whole meetings due to the closure of the building to the public.

120220-182

Motion by Commissioner Duckert, seconded by Commissioner Nichols to cancel the December 14, 2020 and December 28, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meetings. Motion carried.

Engineering Report

Mr. Gingell reported to the Board a Public Hearing to present the 2021 Fee Schedule has been advertised for December 16, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Gingell stated that he is not proposing any changes to the fee schedule for the 2021 year.

Mr. Gingell explained to the Board that in working with the Lapeer International Dragway (LID) to provide adequate ingress/egress to the site as required, the Road Commission determined that a 50-foot wide future right-of-way easement should be needed. LID is requesting a variance from the requirement to remove the existing fencing and relocate fence to the future 50-foot right of way at this time.

120220-183

Motion by Commissioner Duckert, seconded by Commissioner Nichols to approve the permit variance which will allow the Lapeer International Dragway to leave the existing fence within the new 50-foot right-of-way, with the understanding that the landowner shall move the fence at their expense, if the additional right-of-way is required for the expansion, and/or improvement of Roods Lake Road, including drainage. Motion carried.

Mr. Gingell stated that he assumed work would start in 2021, however he has not had this communication with the developer.

Mr. Schons reported to the Board that the COVID-19 virus has affected a few employees at the Road Commission, but we are hopeful that they will recover quickly.

Mr. Schons explained to the Board that the first winter storm went smoothly, and the shop employees need a shout out for having all of the equipment in place and working well. Mr. Schons stated that it was probably a long day for the new employees, but we were fortunate to get some sun which helped burn off the remaining snow and ice left on the roadways.

Mr. Pearson adamantly stated that he hopes all of the employees “Stay Healthy”.

Public Comment

No public comment was received.

Commissioners Reports and Comments

Mr. Duckert stated that the gravel roads have gotten chopped up with the rain we had, but he knows there isn't anything that we can do.

Mr. Schons agreed and explained that when the weather turns a little warmer and the roads dry out, we will be grading with every piece of equipment we have.

Mr. Novak asked about the progress of the General Squier Road abandonment. Mr. Gingell stated that the MISDIGs had been ordered to verify utilities and the documents have been forwarded to Dryden Township for their review. Mr. Gingell stated that the abandonment will be presented to the Board at the December 16, 2020 meeting.

Mr. Novak stated that he appreciates all of the employees that worked on Tuesday during the snow event and prays that all that have been affected by the virus will get through it safely.

Being no further business, Chairman Novak declared the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

James Novak Jr., Chairman

Linette Weston, Board Secretary