

MINUTES

Chairman Schwass called the August 25, 2016 meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E State Street, Scottville, MI to order at 10:00 am.

Members present: Schwass, Robidoux and Matiash, Manager/Director Schoonover, Secretary Samuels and Superintendent Moody. Absent: None

Visitors: Roger Nash from Eden Township to request a change in the way the road project contracts are written to reflect the estimated actual cost due from the township after the township cost share monies have been subtracted. Pete Miller from Michigan Chloride to discuss the brine pond progress.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Matiash seconded Robidoux to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Conflicts: None

The minutes of the August 11, 2016 regular meeting were discussed:

Motion by Robidoux seconded by Matiash to approve the minutes as amended.

Ayes all. Motion carried.

The Board took the following action after reviewing the accounts payable.

Motion by Matiash seconded by Robidoux to approve accounts payable for ck #74467 thru ck#74514 for \$89,752.22 and approve payroll #17 for August 25, 2016 for \$61,212.11.

At 10:07 am the Board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheet.

Superintendent's Report: Continue working on township projects. Johnson Road in Amber Township has been graveled and is ready to pave. The last round of brine has almost been completed. The only remaining township is Sherman scheduled to be completed next week. Crack sealing in preparation for township seal coating will be done today. Have done some tree removal on Larson Road in Sheridan Twp. The Cat Excavator has been working on a project on LaSalle Road. The tree crew has been out and cleaned up some downed trees. Cold patching every other day and have been blading and doing some aggregate patching. Mowing on pavements is about 60% complete and are caught up on bit edging. Have also been doing some sweeping.

Shop Foreman Report: No report

Manager/Director Report:

Personnel

- Labor Agreement has been reviewed and comments summated to our Labor Attorney.
- End of 4-10's and return to 5-8's effective Monday, August 29th.

Engineering

- Neil Street Culvert: *No change in status.* Elmer's to address the low HMA valley gutter when they are in to do HMA work on Scottville's Main Street project. Continuing to work on the Balancing Contract Mods, Contractor Performance Evaluation's and project files.
- 2016 Pavement Marking: A phone Pre-Con meeting has been set for Wednesday, August 31st. (Bid: \$31,910.11. 100% Federal STP capped at \$45,000. Completion date of October 1, 2016)
- Rasmussen Rd Construction: Continued driveway erosion is being discussed with contractor r to develop a permanent fix. Continuing to work on the Balancing Contract Mods, Contractor Performance Evaluation's and project files.
- Hansen Rd, Dennis Rd to Stiles Rd: *No change in status.* The project was submitted to MDOT and has been Obligated. This project is scheduled with a June 23, 2017 completion date. Project estimated at \$921,423.93.
- Gordon Rd RXR Bridge: Survey has been completed and drawings under development. Footing depth of 0.39' for 14' Clearance presented to Marquette Rail. Email this morning gave tentative approval to proceed.
- Stephens Rd over Big Sauble Bridge: GI has been set for today at 1 pm. No determination yet on the Design Exception (DE) for the sag vertical curve. This 28' long bridge removal and replacement with an 80' span 33" Prestressed/Precast Box Beam structure is currently estimated at \$798,493. (Application Estimate: \$697,000)
- Decker/Stephens Rds over S Br Lincoln River/Frog Paradise Drain: GI has been set for today at 1 pm. This two bridge structure removal and 97' of 20' X 8' Concrete Box is currently estimated at \$589,526. (Application Estimate: \$686,000)
- HMA paving/wedging: *No change in status.*
- Chip Seal: Contractor began the remaining projects yesterday with Custer Rd and Shagway Rd. Amber Twp is planned for today and then proceeding to Logan Twp. Jebavy flushing and tracking has subsided with the cooler and cloudy days.
- PASER Rating: Conducted Thursday, August 17th.

Informational Items

- MDOT: Catch Basin Cleaning and Directional Boring. Catch Basin Cleaning Specifications were completed, approved by MDOT and sent out. Due to new DEQ regulations, it was decided to cancel the Bid and review the new regulations and revise the Specifications for bidding later this Fall/Winter for next spring work.
- MDOT US-10 Railroad Crossing in Walhalla: Request to utilize Walhalla Rd – Hawley Rd – Custer Rd as a detour route for this 2017 construction.
- DEQ Site Review Visit: Sites visited included the 2017 Hansen Rd Federal Aide Project, Darr Rd bridges over N Br and S Br Lincoln River, Darr Rd from Mavis north to Fountain Rd, Custer Rd over Black Creek, and Taylor Rd Pit.
- Paul Bunyan Council: Follow up comments.
- 21st Century Infrastructure Commission Listening Tour: Follow up comments
- Bridge Ratings: 6 bridge ratings were performed over the last couple of months. As a result: SN6677, Hawley Rd over the S Br Pere Marquette River, is being investigated to address high water undermining of the NW quadrant slope; and SN 6680, Decker Rd over S Br Lincoln River/Frog Paradise Drain, has been lowered from 30 Tons to 20 Tons Load Rating.
- Annual Rd Certification accepted: County-wide - 237.15 Primary Miles and 714.23 Local Miles; Urban - 13.41 Primary Miles, 30.05 Local Miles.

Under unfinished business the following was discussed

1. Approve Township Project-See Motion
2. Pete Miller-Michigan Chloride, has presented a lease to the Mushroom Company for use of the brine pond. They have forwarded the contract to their attorneys in California for review. Michigan Chloride representatives have met with environmental experts, the DEQ, electric company and met with Larson's to have the brush removed from around the site. When completed the pond will hold Five (5) million gallons of brine. The board would like to consider a five year contract but will not enter into any agreements until they have met with the townships to discuss the cost per gallon of the brine. Manager/Director Schoonover will contact Jim Gallie to see if he can set up a meeting with the township supervisors prior to our next meeting to discuss.
3. Staff evaluations and salaries-Discussion on staff evaluation and comparison wages from other counties were discussed. The board will discuss more at the next meeting and asked that the Manager/Director provide a list of suggested increases for staff.

Under new business the following was discussed

1. Schultz Construction-Crushed concrete-The board was in favor of purchasing 7,000 ton of crushed concrete from Schultz Construction at a cost of \$8.50 per ton.

Items Requiring Board ActionApprove Township Projects 08-25-2016

Motion by Robidoux, seconded by Matiash to enter into the following contracts with the various Townships and to authorize the Manager Director and the Clerk to sign on behalf of the board. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Victory Township

LaSalle and Pratt Roads from Decker Road North-Westerly for .75 miles. Ditching and installation of two driveway culverts. Total cost \$18,100.00.

Riverton Township 2016

Meisenheimer Road from Stiles Road to Scottville Road for 3.01 miles. Place seal coat surface and fog seal. Total Cost \$88,532.00 Approved upon receipt of their signed contract.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:02 pm.



Mary Samuels Secretary



Bill Schwass Chairman