

## MINUTES

Chairman Robidoux called the July 12, 2018 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: Robidoux, Schwass and Matiash, Interim Manager/Director/Secretary Samuels, County Highway Engineer Nelson, and Superintendent Moody. Absent: None.

Visitors: Jeff Cormany, Sheridan Township Trustee requesting someone to take a look at the HMA that was placed on Morse Road last year. He said it appears to be sinking in places. Wondered about completing the paving on Interlochen & Blue Lake. Larry Pierce and Brian Smith to discuss an easement issue on Weaver Road at the boat launch.. They would like a survey to show where the right of way is located. This issue will be directed to Attorney Wilson for his opinion before the survey is done.

Leo Uber and John Lesausky regarding the abandonment of Reek Road. He was originally requested to build a turn around at each end of the abandoned road but the board agreed it was not his responsibility to make a turn around at the John Lesausky property as this would be up to the MCRC. His abandonment will proceed noting this change. Jim Gallie of Amber Township was notified that the turn around on First street may be beyond the road right of way. ~~This was an MDOT project.~~ E Nelson will check out the easement and then send the property owner a letter explaining the situation.. Gallie also reported the township has ordered a speed trailer with red and blue lights that they are cost sharing with PM township to place at various locations as needed.

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

Conflicts: None

The minutes of the June 28, 2018 regular meeting were discussed

Motion by Matiash seconded by Schwass to approve the minutes as presented.

Ayes all. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Schwass seconded by Matiash to approve accounts payable for July 12, 2018 for ck#76719 thru ck #76775 for \$267,191.33 and approve payroll #14 in the amount of \$78,451.63 for July 12, 2018. Ayes all. Motion carried.

At 10:05 am the Board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheet.

**Superintendents Report:** First Street in Amber Township has been completed as well as Peterson Road in Victory Township. Dennis Road in Victory Township has been completed. Finishing up tree work on LaSalle and will start moving dirt next week. Working on second round of brine for the townships. Will be completed by the end of next week. Only a few townships scheduled for brine before Labor Day. Sugar Grove Road was open to traffic before the 4<sup>th</sup> with a gravel surface. Will finish off with HMA soon. Still working on mowing blacktops. Hope to be done by next week and then start on the gravels.

Some cold patching as needed and aggregate patching.  
Extra help in the shop. Will start seal coating the first week in August.

**Shop Foreman Report-** Shop foreman Woirol reported lots of issues with the rear right tires of the tractor mowers. Due to the strain from the weight of all the attachments. Are looking into a heavier duty wheel. The new broom tractor will not be available until November. Working on the rental rate for the tractor. Requesting it be changed from \$2,500.00 per month to \$50.00 per hour. The new brine tank has been ordered. Woirol has not been able to locate a used tag trailer. He suggested we purchase a new trailer to haul the dozer with and use the existing one for the brine hauler. Will continue to look for a used trailer in the mean time. There was a small fuel spill yesterday due to the condition of the probe access area. Everything was cleaned up with no issues. Waiting for RW Mercer to come and assess the situation to make repairs. Woirol was looking for direction on what the board wanted done with the GSA Truck. It was suggested that he and mechanic Cooper go to Truck & Trailer to observe what they are doing for other counties. The Chipper was returned to the MCRC with the problems supposedly fixed but was not the case. It had to be returned right away as there were issues that were not fixed. The board suggested we look for a smaller chipper to rent while waiting for ours to be returned. There was discussion again on the need to repair the roof over the shop. Estimated cost is \$25,000.00. The skid steer and Backhoe had to be ordered so will not be arriving until mid August and November.

### **Engineering Report**

#### **Engineering**

- **Hansen Rd, W. of Gordon Rd to 0.8 mi W of US-31:** MDOT interim file review was completed on 7-10-18 and noted great improvement over prior years. MDOT needs to conduct final onsite field inspection. There are a few punch list items to complete. Final quantities are being worked on along with MDOT files and As-Built plans. (C & D Hughes, Inc.: \$657,725.79. 80% Federal STP, 20% State D. Progress schedule: Open to traffic on or before July 14, 2018 with completion date of November 3, 2018.)
- **Custer Rd Bridge over PM River Deck Rehab:** Milbocker should be the only contractor onsite for the next two weeks. They have the second deck pour scheduled for 7/12 and the third and final deck pour for 7/17. They will then be wet curing the center span for 7 days after until the 24th. But in the meantime, They will be forming the brush block and the end walls for the bridge railing. They hope to pour the end walls and brush block once the center span achieves strength, probably toward the end of next week. They are still on track for opening to traffic on 8/11/18 per the revised progress schedule. We will likely need to perform concrete coating under flag control after the bridge is open. (Milbocker and Sons, Inc: \$852,279.11. 80% Federal STP, 15% State Bridge. Progress schedule: Open to traffic on or before 8-11-18.)
- **Darr Rd Bridges over the North and South Branch of Lincoln River:** Darr Road on the S. Lincoln: All the sheeting, and foundation excavation is completed. Working on final layers of the GRS. Plan is to set beams next week and then prepare for the deck pour. Darr Road on the N. Lincoln: Have not started anything yet but plan to move up to that site after deck pour on the S. Lincoln and work simultaneously with S. Lincoln for concrete approaches and roadwork. (Hardman Construction: \$786,284.75. 80% Federal STP, 15% State D. Progress schedule: Open to traffic on or before 9-28-18)
- **Hawley Rd Bridge:** Plans are 100% complete, title sheet needs to be signed and dated. Based on the MDOT schedule the project should be bid in the October or November 2018 bid Letting for

construction in 2019. The MDNR have approved and issued the Natural River Zoning Permit. The existing 49' steel beam bridge is proposed to be replaced with a 90' span 54" Prestressed I-Beams and composite 9" concrete deck. Current Estimate: \$1,080,341.

- **Rasmussen Rd Design:** PM Twp. has selected Wordland & Associates for the design engineering firm. Josh & I will need to verify the control points and survey data prior to design. The old design will be used for reference but will need to be reworked with the changes such as sanitary sewer, storm sewer & curb & gutter.
- **Hoague Rd:** HMA pulverization is scheduled for Tuesday next week for the 300' section over the muck hole. The MCRC will strip the pulverized aggregate, place 24" of sand wrapped in geotextile, place geogrid, 6" of 21AA slag, another layer of geogrid & 6" of 21AA slag to bridge the peat and organics and correct the settlement. Geogrid and geotextile has been delivered to our yard. The 300' section will remain gravel until Rieth-Riley/Hallack complete the remaining crushing and shaping & HMA paving.
- **Hansen Road:** West of Dennis Road – pulverize 300' section next week & MCRC do sand lift & culvert, then HMA.
- **Anthony Rd Design:** DEQ Permits have been resubmitted and additional information was requested. Josh will provide the information and resubmit. Additional drainage culverts were reviewed, and it was decided to replace all the cross culverts due to their condition. I am putting together a list of sizes and lengths of cross culverts to order. Once culverts are received they will be installed by our forces if available or by Contractor assistance. Design is 90-95% complete. I need to put out a request for bids to furnish & spread dump approximately 6,000 tons of 22A aggregate & approximately 3,000 cyds of sand for a grade lift at the west end of the project.
- **Sugar Grove Rd:** MCRC/CIS completed the culvert installation and opened the road on Tuesday July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Work was completed with 3 working days with the culvert being delivered on Friday June 29<sup>th</sup> about 1:00 PM. Final grading, HMA and slope restoration should take place in 2 to 4 weeks to allow traffic to further compact gravel.
- **Sass Road, Morton Road to Jepson Road:** Need to finish the design and cost estimate for Grant Township. At that time discuss whether to bid out for Contractor construction or have the MCRC do the tree removal work this fall & road construction next spring/summer.
- **Morton Road, South of Anthony Road:** DEQ permit was submitted but additional information is required.
- **2018 County Wide Pavement Marking:** 2 bids were received, tabulated and Michigan Pavement Marking is the low bidder at \$55,844.35. PK Contracting was \$60,893.70. Recommend award to Michigan Pavement Marking for \$55,844.35.
- **Weaver Road public access to Long Lake, Branch Township:** Larry Pierce requested that the MCRC stake the ROW in the fall of 2017. Josh & I met with him and researched the documents with the help of Ted and determined that it is a little bit of a mess. Court case in 1969 determined that the N. 33' was to be public access. The property owner filed a quick claim deed giving 12' (not 33') to the MCRC in 1974. A fence was erected many years ago by the property owner creating a corridor of 18' between 2 fences. Since the fence has been in place for decades it is recommended to get legal counsel before sending a letter to the property owner requesting that he/she move the fence back to 33' N. of the section line.
- **8 Mile Road – Lake County:** Rieth-Riley is anticipating paving in the next 2 weeks.
- **Stephens Rd over Big Sauble Bridge:** J.E. Kloote; OHM is putting together a punch list. Concrete bridge coating has been completed along with the centerline painting. Drainage issue needs to be resolved on HMA surface. Final paperwork remains to close out the project. (J.E. Kloote Bid: \$746,162.50. 80% Fed, 15% State, 5% Local.) *No change in status*

- **Decker/Stephens Rds over S Br Lincoln River/Frog Paradise Drain:** Concrete bridge coating has been completed along with the guardrail being adjusted. Final paperwork remains to close out the project. (Wonsey Tree Service Bid: \$608,783.52. 80% Fed, 15% State, 5% Local.) *No change in status*
- **Hamlin Twp, Lakeshore Dr South Bayou Culvert:** Survey and plan development required to repair the steel sheeting with earth anchors and whalers and additional steel welding plates. *No change in status.*

## **Manager/Director Report**

### **Informational Items**

- Brine Pond / Land Inquiry: Draft PA and ROFR's received and reviewed by Gourmet. Initial comments are the PA is low considering the past improvements and the ROFR's will require stronger language and guarantees of environmental clearances of our current facility site. Richard is working on the new language but is currently on vacation until the 20<sup>th</sup> of July. He states that the Road Commission is not in a position to "guarantee" anything to anyone about the environmental condition of our current facility, as we are generally prohibited from giving that kind of thing under the Michigan Constitution. GM will need to do its own due diligence and if the property is a "facility", they will need to do a BEA and that will protect them from liability for any existing contamination.
- MDOT TWA approval for CB Cleaning has been received from MDOT and contractor notified. Submitted the Form 426 to MDOT
- Engineering Plotter Replacement/has been received.
- Jebavy/US-10: MDOT is investigating variable signal timing. Waiting on MDOT for an estimate to have the sensor placed.
- MDOT has approved placing NO HUNTING Signs at the Rest Area.
- Set up of shared file has been completed on the main server. All staff members are able to open files for information regarding Townships, Manager, Engineering, Permits, Superintendent, all Foreman and the Clerk. As information is entered it will be backed up in the cloud.
- Received a Verbal request from Al Villadson asking if a Board member would meet his attorney at his property on Darr Road to discuss resubmitting an abandonment request again. The board responded they are not inclined to entertain a request at this time.
- The Manager/Director requested to be allowed to hire Ted Weinert to work on updating the County Map and Certification Maps. The Board approved but requested a length of time it would take to complete the job.

### **Under unfinished business the following was discussed**

1. Policies-In Progress
2. Township Officers Meeting on July 19, at MCE, 7:30 pm.
3. Truck Driver Applications. Have received about 15 applications. Cut off date is July 16, 2018.
4. Reek Road Abandonment-Issue on easements for turn around.
5. 2018 Painting Project Bid award-See Motion.
6. Brine Pond-Will continue to work with GM and Attorney Wilson when everyone returns from vacation. Will also put together what the estimated cost is to fix the pond to make it able to hold brine.

Under new business the following was discussed

1. Approve Township Projects-See Motion
2. Permission to take trees from pit. The board decided not to allow this practice any longer due to liability issues.

**Items Requiring Board Action:**

**Approve Township Projects 07-12-2018**

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

**Riverton Township 2018**

**Schwass Road** from Hawley Road to Meisenheimer Road for .95 miles. Apply 1,111 cyds gravel , grading and ditching. Total cost \$29,537.93.

**Riggle Road** North of Bradshaw Road for .5 miles. Apply 578 cyds of gravel and grading. Total cost \$13,250.88.

**Approve Bid for 2018 Line Painting.**

Motion by Matiash seconded by Schwass to award the bid for the 2018 line painting to low Bidder Michigan Pavement Markings in the amount of \$55,844.35.

**The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2018 at 10:00 am.**

**There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:16 pm.**

  
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 Mary Samuels Secretary

  
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 Doug Robidoux Chairman