

## MINUTES

Chairman Robidoux called the July 26, 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: Jim Gallie and Dick Alway from Amber Township wondering when we would be starting LaSalle Road and if there are any plans in the near future to fix S Stiles Road between US-10 and Conrad Road. Will look to see if it's in the 5 year plan. Bob Wilson of Sheridan Township to discuss some dead trees that he feels need to be removed on Fountain Road between Griffin and Larson Roads. He suggested that we mark the dead trees in the summer so they can be removed in the winter months.

The following residents from Branch, Emerson Lake, were in to discuss the change in Emerson Lake water level since a culvert was replaced on Campbell Road in 2011: they were: Teresa Sewejkis, Shelly Woodall, Larry Woodall, Rick Randall, Lisa Vogel, Margaret Palma, Larry Blechler, Gail Komer, Fae Goodman, Erin Metzger and Tim Fournier. They are asking for support from the board to help figure out what is causing the lake to drain. They felt the extreme change came when the culvert was replaced. E Nelson will check with the Drain Commissioner to see if he has any suggestions and will find the permit application that was sent in to get the permit to replace the culvert. There was some discussion about an old dam on the other side of Long Lake that could also be a part of the issue. The MCRC thanked everyone for coming in and agreed there is definitely an issue and is willing to help find a remedy so that the residents can have their lake back.

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 July 12, 2018 regular meeting were discussed

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

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 26, 2018 for ck#76776 thru ck #76831 for \$273,271.09 and approve payroll #15 in the amount of \$72,182.25 for July 26, 2018. Ayes all. Motion carried.

At 10:06 am the Board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheet.

**Superintendents Report:** Township brining projects have been completed until Labor Day. Have started to remove the trees on Anthony Road. Continue to crack seal, cold patch and edging in preparation for seal coating that will be starting today. Clearing and stump removal on Rath Road in Hamlin Township. Plan to start LaSalle Road in Amber Township next week. The

mowers are working on the gravel roads on the North and South ends. Replaced a culvert on Hansen Road this week. Are hauling gravel and will be shaping up the slopes before the road will be open, possibly Monday or Tuesday. Received about an inch and three quarters of rain last week that resulted in some downed trees. Aggregate patching and hauling crushed concrete into the yard. Some spot blading and cold patching on Friday.

**Shop Foreman Report-** No report

### **Engineering Report**

- **Hansen Road:** West of Dennis Road – Closed Road on 7/21/18 due to heavy rains and traffic – large potholes. Stripped pulverized aggregate & found void in road, needed to replace 80' of 36" culvert under road. Added sand lift and replaced pulverized material. Adding crushed concrete to obtain 6" min. aggregate base. Install driveway culvert & complete restoration Monday & Tuesday. HMA paving ASAP as Rieth-Riley has an opening.
- **Hansen Rd, W. of Gordon Rd to 0.8 mi W of US-31:** 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:** They are working on forming up the bridge railing and stripping the forms from under the bridge deck. I would expect a pour this week for the bridge railing, then probably shortly after that assembling the steel parts of the railing. I would also expect the road work to start next week. I will verify with Milbocker on that and that will go fast, probably only a week or so up through HMA and shoulder gravel. 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:** South Bridge beams set – not pouring deck until N bridge is complete. Moved to N. Bridge on 7-23-18. Hardman did not intend to build the access road for Contractor access. If the bridge was removed there would be no access to the homes S. of the bridge for fire trucks. There was a 3-day delay working out the pricing & access thru David Briggs property as intended per prior easements but not stated correctly in the plans. (Hardman Construction: \$786,284.75. 80% Federal STP, 15% State D. Progress schedule: Open to traffic on or before 9-28-18)
- **Anthony Rd Design:** DEQ Permits have been reviewed and 3 of the 4 crossings were approved. The 4<sup>th</sup> crossing needs additional information. Took bids for culverts on 7-25-18 for Anthony – low bid is from St. Regis Culvert in the amount of \$25,597.95. Will order the culverts for delivery of cross culverts in Mid-August. 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:** Waiting for HMA – Rieth-Riley
- **Morton Road, South of Anthony Road:** DEQ permit was submitted but additional information is required. Ted is working on the DEQ permit. Culvert size was approved & the culvert was ordered. Anticipated to be delivered in 2 to 3 weeks.

- **Stephens Rd over Big Sauble Bridge:** J.E. Kloote; OHM is putting together a punch list. Final inspection on July 30<sup>th</sup>. 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.)
- **Decker/Stephens Rds over S Br Lincoln River/Frog Paradise Drain:** Concrete bridge coating has been completed along with the guardrail being adjusted. Final inspection on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Final paperwork remains to close out the project. (Wonsey Tree Service Bid: \$608,783.52. 80% Fed, 15% State, 5% Local.)
- **Hoague Rd:** HMA pulverization was completed for the 300' section over the muck hole. The 300' section will remain gravel until MCRC places the sand lift, geotextile, aggregate & geogrid. Rieth-Riley/Hallack complete the remaining crushing and shaping & HMA paving.
- **2018 County Wide Pavement Marking:** Pavement Marking scheduled in the next 2 to 3 weeks, Michigan Pavement Marking.
- **2018 Chip Seal** – Starting today & maybe Friday & Saturday. They had another job that they had issues with materials so here for today & possibly Friday & Saturday. They plan on returning the week of August 13<sup>th</sup>+/-.
- **2019 US-31 to Sugar Grove** – MDOT project. MDOT wants to use Stiles to Sugar Grove & Main Street to SU-31 for a 6 to 8 week detour. Wayne had given MDOT a list of improvements for the detour. Working on a cost for wedging & chip seal for our Contract this year that MDOT might pay for improvements. Also milling & HMA on Scottville Road. Depends on the cost & the cost of part width construction of the US-31 bypass.

**No Change in Status**

- **Hawley Rd Bridge:** Based on the MDOT schedule the project should be bid in the October or November 2018 bid Letting for construction in 2019. I need to fill out ROW agreements with the MDRN for MDOT. 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 Nordlund & 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.
- **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.
- **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 quit 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.
- **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**

- Traffic Control Orders-Spoke with Trooper Brandon Davis regarding our 25 miles per hour speed signs placed throughout the county. He suggested we do a speed study on one of the areas to get an idea of what it looks like and agreed these need to be addressed.
- Received TCO for Bryant Road. A speed limit of thirty-five (35) miles per hour on Bryant Road from Washington Avenue to Kenowa Drive and; Forty-five (45) miles per hour from Kenowa Drive to Jebavy Drive. A request has been made to the sign tech to place the updated speed limit signs.
- Waiting on response from Victory Township to move forward with the abandonment request of Meyers Road.
- Eric Nelson and myself attended the Township Officers Meeting. Discussed the progress on the Bridges, mentioned the seal coat projects are scheduled for the first of August and asked the townships to be prepared to schedule a ride around with our foreman to look at possible road projects for next year.
- Met with MDOT on Wednesday to discuss the detour needed next year on the work planned for US-31 North. Jay is getting an estimate for the work that needs to be done by MDOT before the detour takes place.
- A meeting with MDOT has been scheduled for Monday July 30 to discuss the budget.
- Jebavy/US-10: MDOT meeting on July 25<sup>th</sup> at the Lansing Signal Units Meeting to discuss the 50% funding for the variable signal timing. Estimated cost to have signal timing placed is \$22,000.00. Hope to hear from them within the next few days.

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

1. Have reviewed truck drivers applications and will begin interviews next Tuesday.
2. Brine pond-GM send an e-mail notifying us that they will only be open to a lease of the pond at this time. The board agreed to move forward and will contact Attorney Wilson to provide the document. The board also requested that the questions of what do they offer to us in the lease will be added.

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

1. Approve Township Projects-See Motion
2. The next Paul Bunyan Meeting is scheduled on August 16 @McGuire's. Five to attend.
3. Received a letter from Sherman Township stating that several residents of Sherman Township have approached their board indicating their intent to petition the MCRC to abandon a section of Darr Road and asked that the MCRC grant their petition. The MCRC has not received any notice of this request at this time.
4. The Teamsters Local Union No. 214 has advised the MCRC they desire to continue its existing agreement and have requested to meet sometime early September.

**Items Requiring Board Action:****Approve Township Projects 07-26-2018**

Motion by Schwass 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.

**Sheridan Township 2018**

**Larson Road** starting at Millerton Rd continuing north to Fountain Road for .98 miles. Place HMA. Total cost \$67,925.00.


**Echo Drive** starting at Trail Ridge continuing south for 370'. Place 205 cyds of millings. Total cost \$6,335.19.

**Larson Road** starting at the top of the big hill at the end of the existing HMA. Add 4" gravel then place HMA. Total Cost \$13,932.60.

**Fountain Road** from 25' east of intersection of Mustang & Fountain Rd. Install cross culverts. Total cost \$6,134.00

**The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 9, 2018 at 10:00 am.**

**There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 pm.**

  
Mary Samuels Secretary

  
Doug Robidoux Chairman