

## MINUTES

Chairman Robidoux called the September 27, 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 asking when LaSalle Road would be completed and asked E Moody to take a look at the driveways on First Street because they are too low and the residents drag dirt out onto the pavement. Larry Larr Custer Township was in to request the road commission update their standard on road width to include 24' and 22' width's. More discussion to follow. Rick Randall, Len Copus and Teresa Sewejkis from the Emerson Lake Association in Branch were in to discuss the water level of Emerson Lake. The lake and the wet lands are at very low levels and they are trying to determine the cause of this issue. E Nelson will contact B Peterman of the DEQ to get some instruction on where to go for help. He will contact the Association as soon as he speaks with Mr. Peterman.

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 September 10, 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 September 27, 2018 for ck#76974 thru ck #77025 for \$952,857.71 and pre-approve Payroll #20 for October 4, 2018.

Ayes all. Motion carried.

At 10:03 am the Board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheet.

**Superintendents Report:** Ready to seed & mulch LaSalle Road. Paving is probably postponed until next spring due to the lock out. Preparing Ordway, Conrad and Rath Roads for placement of slag material. The Morton Road Culvert replacement has been completed. The Tremml Road project was completed this week. Placed about 1,500 cyds of gravel. Will start on Jackpine and Darr Roads next week. Working on slopes and shoulders on Anthony Road. The tree crew is still out cleaning up trees from the storm and removing dead trees. Hot patching in various locations. Some blading, bit edging and cold patching where needed. Two mowers have been out most every day. Have started hauling in ice control sand into the yard. Continue new employee training on different projects.

**Shop Foreman Report-**T Woirol was in to discuss the condition of our 20 year old semi-tractor. He estimated the cost to refurbish it would be 25 to 30k. The board suggested we look for a newer used tractor. He had also been looking into the cost to replace the chipper and was told that the one we have could be refurbished. He will check into when this could be done and the cost. The board was in favor

to move forward with this. T Woirol, F Cooper and S Vantatenhove visited Isabella CRC to see how they built their Military Truck. They gathered lots of good information and will proceed with getting ours ready for service.

### **County Highway Engineers Report**

#### **Engineering**

- **2018 County Wide Pavement Marking:** All roads that can be painted are painted to date. MPM will need to return to mark the chip seal roads and HMA roads.
- **2018 HMA paving:** “Lockout is still in force” Rieth-Riley has been paving in Big Rapids and Ludington with a combined paving crew between the 2 locations. They are bringing a few key employees back to work by changing their work classifications. Rieth-Riley plans to continue to pave what they are able using the combined crew. It is likely that paving will resume on US-31 in the next few weeks. I spoke to Randy about giving them a list of uncompleted work and the priorities. I sent an e-mail to Chad Waldo & Randy Meisner stating that any work that is carried over to 2019 will be paid at 2018-unit prices as bid. I did not get a response to date.
- **Darr Rd Bridges over the North and South Branch of Lincoln River:** Hardman Construction will be going back to work on the Bridges on Monday October 1<sup>st</sup> to pour the decks. Hardman plans to hire a non-union dirt contractor to finish the earthwork. I spoke to Randy Meisner about paving and he said that RR will plan on paving the bridges this year if time and weather permits.
- **Anthony Rd Design:** DEQ permit was issued last week for the 4 culvert crossings on Anthony Road. MCRC has trenched the edges of the HMA and added gravel to a total width of 30’, existing HMA was about 22’ wide. MCRC is working on ditches and slopes. Schultz Excavating will be hauling the remaining 3500 tons of crushed concrete and stockpiling the crushed concrete in our pit on Deren Road. Plan on completing the earthwork and patching the HMA crossings at the end of October early November if Rieth-Riley will not be able to complete.
- **Morton Road, South of Anthony Road:** MCRC is working on installing the culvert. DEQ permit was received the week of 9-3-2018.
- **Decker/Stephens Rds over S Br Lincoln River/Frog Paradise Drain:** The Washout on SE quadrant was repaired by the MCRC forces. OHM & Wosney was notified that the MCRC will fix the washout. Final paperwork remains to close out the project. (Wonsey Tree Service Bid: \$608,783.52. 80% Fed, 15% State, 5% Local.)
- **Hansen Rd, W. of Gordon Rd to 0.8 mi W of US-31:** 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.)
- **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. Decided to not crush any existing HMA roads until the Labor dispute is resolved.
- **2019/2020 US-31 to Sugar Grove** – I spoke to Marc Fredrickson of MDOT regarding detour route of Stiles, Sugar Grove, & Scottville Road 60% MDOT 40% MCRC. MDOT was agreeable to this agreement and will budget approximately \$250,000 towards improvements of the Detour Route. Due to the project being over budget the detour route improvements may be completed in the fall of 2019 with the US-31 project in 2020.
- **Hawley Road Bridge:** Project is being bid on October 4<sup>th</sup> with the clearing work completed by March 31, 2019 and the final completion by June 21, 2019. Current Estimate: \$1,1M.
- **Custer Rd Bridge over PM River Deck Rehab:** Bridge is open to traffic. Inspection & load ratings have been reported to MDOT. Needs final inspections and possible punch list items. (Milbocker and Sons, Inc: \$852,279.11. 80% Federal STP, 15% State Bridge. Progress schedule: Open

to traffic on or before 8-11-18.)

- **2017 Hansen Road & Pavement Marking** – Josh is working on final paperwork for MDOT.
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- **Amber Road Crushed Concrete Pit.** – MCRC surveyed the 21AA aggregate pile and determined that there is 11,100 tons of crushed concrete. A purchase agreement was written and will be signed before any further payments are issued to Bob Peters. I had spoke to Mike Benedict that owns the property and explained that we were purchasing the crushed concrete from Bob Peters. It was discussed that the road commission would be hauling from the pile for future projects and road maintenance and the pile will most likely be there thru 2019 season and possible longer.
- **2019 Rasmussen Rd Design:** PM Twp. has selected Nordlund & Associates for the design engineering firm. Josh & I did verify some of the control points and survey data prior to design. I need to get the old survey data on USGS datum and give it to Nordlund & Associates. 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.
- **Cold-in-place Recycling:** Emmett County doing a 3.5 mile project – visited on Monday – Explain process & \$. M.,
- Still have several designs that need to be completed such as Sass Road, Hamlin Twp, Lakeshore Dr. South Bayou Sheeting. Need to review 5-year plan for road projects & funding of projects.

### **Manager/Director Report**

#### **Informational Items**

- The Superintendent, Foreman and Jay have been meeting with the Townships to discuss 2019 road projects.
- Met with The Union Stewards to discuss contract language.
- Jay and I attended the Lakeshore Traffic Safety Network in Muskegon for a speed study discussion. There is legislation to put control of speed limits back in the hands of locals, expand the number of local streets that can be posted 25 mph, allow municipalities to lower the speed limit on gravel roads and allow communities to keep the current speed on their roadways by clarifying the 50<sup>th</sup> and 85<sup>th</sup> percentile and lower in specific situations.

Very good meeting.

- Received e-mails from Mika/Meyers regarding insurance discussions for the brine pond. I requested that he step back for now until the board decides if they want to proceed.
- Received an estimate from Michigan Chloride regarding the cost to build a 7-million-gallon pond for \$300,000.00. Based on this price, the most we need is 3 million gallons so the cost would be approximately half that amount. Our crew would be able to do the dirt work so there would be a greater savings.
- Ted continues working on updating the Certification Maps. He is making very good progress. Has begun adding mileage to the maps.
- Working on Grant Agreement with Marquette Rail LLC
- Prepared a letter for the paper regarding the Lock Out.
- Drafted a contract for the purchase of the Crushed Concrete.

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

1. Managers Position-See Motion

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

1. Approve MDOT Contract for Hawley Road Bridge over SB PM River-See Motion
2. Discussion on Standards for Road Width 22' to 24'. It was brought to the boards attention that

some of the contracts for the township had been written to require their roads to have a width of 24' per the standard when upgrading. Several of the townships have requested that this be updated to allow for the roads with a width of 22' to be allowed to stay with that as most of these roads will never be paved and it would cost more money than the townships have to make these upgrades. The board stated they never intended for the 24' to be a set standard for these local roads and suggested the policy be re-written to reflect this change. E Nelson will write a policy that acknowledges this change to the current standard.

3. Purchase new jackets and rain suits for crew-Will request pricing for these items for the next regular meeting.

**Items Requiring Board Action:**

**Approve Removal and Replacement of the Hawley Road Bridge over the South Branch of the Pere Marquette River**

Motion by Matiash seconded by Schwass to enter into a contract with MDOT for the removal and replacement of the structure #6677, Part A-BO5300 Job #133069CON, which carries Hawley Road over the South Branch of the Pere Marquette River, Sections 14 and 15, T17N, R15W, Logan Township, Mason County, Michigan; the reconstruction of the approaches to the structure for approximately 355 feet westerly and 432 feet easterly of the structure; and altogether with necessary related work, and Part B-No Federal or State Participation: Structure name plate installation work for the structure #6677, which carries Hawley Road over the South Branch of the Pere Marquette River, Sections 14 & 15, T17N, R15W, Logan Township Mason County, Michigan and altogether with necessary related work, and to authorize Chairman Robidoux and Vice Chairman Schwass to sign the contract. Control Section BO 53000, Job number 133069CON, contract number 18-5419. Estimated cost is \$1,109,500.00, Federal Funds \$887,600.00, State Local Bridge Funds of \$166,400.00. MCRC Share \$56,500.00.

Ayes: Robidoux, Schwass and Matiash.

Nays: None Motion carried

**Approve Promotion for Manager's Position**

Motion by Schwass seconded by Matiash to promote Clerk, Mary Samuels to the position of Managing Director for the Mason County Road Commission effective immediately. Ayes all. Motion carried.

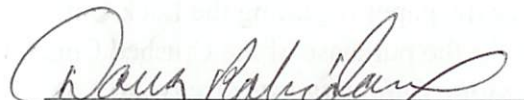
**Boot Truck**

Motion by Schwass seconded by Robidoux to approve having the boot truck for all employees to purchase boots not to exceed \$150.00 each. Ayes all. Motion carried.

**The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 11, 2018 at 10:00 am.**

**There being** no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.

  
Mary Samuels Secretary

  
Doug Robidoux Chairman