

MEETING MINUTES**Mason County Road Commission
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, August 8, 2019
10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.****A. Call to Order**

Strategic Planning Workshop was called to order at 9:00 am and adjourned at 9:55 am.

Public hearing held at 9:30 am to discuss the abandonment of public road right of way at Birch St. There were no attendees. The public hearing was adjourned at 9:45 am.

Chairman Schwass called the **August 8, 2019** meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E State Street, Scottville, MI to order at 10:00 a.m.

Visitors: Jim Gallie - Amber Twp.

1. Pledge of Allegiance**B. Approval of Agenda**

Motion made by Ingison to approve the agenda as presented. Supported by Robidoux. Ayes all. Motion carried. Conflicts: None

1. Conflicts of Interest**C. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the August 1, 2019 regular meeting were discussed. Correction needed to Section K, 4 & 5. The record should show that Ingison made the motion and Robidoux supported. Motion made by Robidoux to approve the minutes as presented with corrections. Supported by Ingison. Ayes all. Motion carried.

D. Approval of Accounts Payable & Payroll

The Board took the following action after reviewing the Accounts Payable and Payroll:

Motion made by Robidoux to approve Accounts Payable #15 for August 8, 2019 for ck#78163 thru ck #78218 for \$282,124.54 and approve payroll #16 for August 8, 2019 for \$85,311.19. Supported by Ingison. Ayes all. Motion carried.

E. Review Accounts Receivable and Contingent Liabilities

At 10:10 am the Board looked over the Contingent Liabilities and Revenue/Fund Balances.

F. Public Comment

Gallie inquired about the Rieth-Riley strike and how this would affect project schedule. Mentioned that he had talked to ITC about helping with repairs on west first street. Will continue to work on that.

G. Superintendent's Report

Still completing storm repairs. Have used significant amount of gravel materials for storm response. Several culverts still need to be replaced. Brine is going well and still on schedule. Mowing is complete south of US-10. Cold patch is ongoing. Testing a stronger brine on Townline Rd. Will monitor this on a weekly basis and see how it holds in comparison to the regular brine. Safety meetings have started and will continue on a weekly basis. Positive response from employees.

H. Shop Foreman Report

I. County Highway Engineers Report

- **2019 Hawley Road Bridge:** Davis has completed the bridge as was open to traffic on July 12, 2019. To date there will be \$10,800 back charged for liquidated damages to the Contractor for not completing on time. Prein & Newhof took survey shots on the west portion of the bridge & approach to determine if the project was built per plans. There is about 100-120' of roadway that was not built per plans. MDOT is evaluating the survey information & pictures.

Prein & Newhof is taking full responsibility for the error. I will update as I get more information.

- **2019 HMA Paving** – The Operators Union went on strike against Rieth-Riley as of 7-31-2019. The Rieth-Riley in Big Rapids has pieced together a crew and starting paving as of yesterday in Newaygo County. The Ludington plant is still not running to date. The MCRC can get HMA from API in Muskegon, Rieth-Riley in Big Rapids and Molon Asphalt in Interlochen.
- **2019 Pavement Marking Project** – MPM has painted the local and primary roads. They are working on rumble strips, RR crossings, etc. with the hand crew. MPM will need to return in late September or early October to place pavement markings on the roads that will be chip sealed & overlaid with HMA.
- **Anthony Road** – I am working on final billing for Anthony Road with Hallack Contracting. The amount remaining should be about \$50,000.
- **Sugar Grove Road** – The MCRC should be getting the culverts delivered next week. I am still working on the grading easements.
 - i) Soils and structures completed the soil borings on Sugar Grove between US-31 and Tuttle Road. I should get the soil boring logs in the next week or two.
- **Monument Box Rehabilitation** – Nordlund & Associates agreed to complete the Monument Box Rehabilitation within 6 weeks as requested. The MCRC received the monument boxes yesterday so Nordlund & Associates can start.
- **Bridge Inspections** – The MCRC will need to inspect our 4 bridges that are scour critical and add the information to MIBridge (MDOT).
- **Aggregate** – We are still working with Ken Adams for producing about 25,000 tons of 22A and 10,000 cyds of 2NS for next construction season. If we are not able to get a commitment, we will need to rebid the 22A gravel and 2NS.
- **2019 Chip Seal** – Highway Maintenance should have the fog seal completed this week.

- **2020 Rasmussen Road** – I have been working on preliminary survey information, soil borings and getting information for Josh to be able to complete additional survey work.
- **2022 Forest Trail** – The MCRC will be receiving about \$650,000 in funding from a FLAP grant from the Forest Service for phase 1. This application was submitted by Wayne Schoonover in December of 2016. I will update you as I know more.
- **HMA Paver** – The 1999 Leeboy HMA paver for \$24,900 in Illinois was not in good working order. We are still actively looking for a smaller used paver.

J. Manager/Director Report

- Weaver Road- Our attorney has filed suit regarding the Weaver Road Issue. Nothing new to report.
- Working on a resolution to add N Ordway Road, a Seasonal Road, back into our Local Road System.
- Received a Building Memorandum of Understanding from the County Board for discussion.
- Continue to work on the guardrail inventory. Five Townships completed.
- Nothing new on the townships map project. Waiting for Scott to return from vacation.
- Brine Pond-There would not be any additional liability fees charged for a brine pond only additional costs for the equipment.
- Contacted the Forest Service regarding land swaps. They are willing but is a very lengthy process.
- Inquired about where the DTE Gas lines end leading north out of Scottville. They end less than one mile from E Johnson Road, but the lines run all the way to Custer on US-10.
- The approximate cost so far for the MCRC for the July 20, 2019 storm is \$150,000.00. There are still a few washouts we are working on. We were allowed to submit damages along with Lake County for our Federal Aid

Eligible Roads. There were two roads, Quarterline for a cost of \$10,519.18 and Millerton Road for \$16,5012.19. Total submitted was \$27,021.37.

- T Woiron will be setting up a demonstration for our current GPS Equipment to make sure we have it running to its total capabilities.

K. Unfinished Business

Motion made by Robidoux to approve abandonment of Birch Street in Hamlin Township. Supported by Ingison. Ayes all. Motion carried.

1. Approve Policy on Sale of Excess Lands

Table discussion of sale of excess lands to August 22nd meeting.

L. New Business

None.

1. Request for Assistance with Building Loan

Discussion held. Samuels will send email to County with response.

2. Rating our Gravel Roads

Discussion held regarding gravel road ratings.

3. CRASIF Ballot

Motion made by Ingison to vote for all three candidates on the ballot. Supported by Robidoux. Ayes all. Motion carried.

M. Extended Public Comment

None.

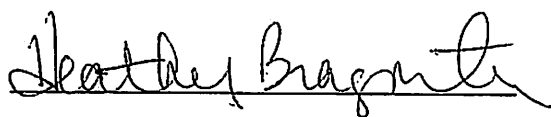
N. Next Meeting: **Thursday, August 22, 2019 @ 10:00 am (9:00 am workshop)**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday August 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. with a workshop planned immediately prior at 9:00 am.

O. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at
11:45 am

Respectfully,



Heather Braginton – Secretary



Bill Schwass – Chairman