

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

June 11, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on June 11, 2019.

Present: Commissioners Waananen, Schaefer & Olson

Guests: Ken Rowe, Tom Talvensaari, Ned Huwatschek, Bob Meyers

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am

The minutes of the May 14, 2019 regular meeting were read and approved by a motion by Commissioner Schaefer and supported by Commissioner Olson. The motion carried.

Vouchers # 28437 and # 28438 and Master Vouchers # 11-2019, # 12-2019 in the total amount of \$304,879.73 were audited by the Commissioners and the Master Vendor Voucher was signed. Commissioner Olson motioned to pay the bills as presented. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried.

The financial statement was read, discussed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Olson and supported by Commissioner Schaefer. The motion carried.

Old Business:

Building Issues Update – HB 4120 should be on the Senate Transportation and Infrastructure Committee calendar either June 19th or June 26th.

Gay Stamp Sands – Keweenaw County Historical Society and Sherman Township are exploring options with the smoke stack. MDEGLE and the EPA are looking at removing some piles of old demolition debris with asbestos. U.S.A.C.E. dredging project is progressing.

Central/Cliff Sites – Crushing will begin this week at Central. A time extension to October 2020 has been granted for the Central Creek Crossing Grant from NFWF.

Gay-Lac La Belle Shoreline Erosion Update – Plans and permit should be submitted within the next month after a final site review with MDEGLE. Lake Superior levels are at or near an all-time high, increasing the probability of losing that segment of road.

New Business:

The Finance Director presented the final 2018 audit report to the Board and provided a summary of the contents. Commissioner Schaefer motioned to accept the unqualified audit as presented. Commissioner Olson supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Board discussed the MDOT Engineering Reimbursement program. Commissioner Schaefer motioned to approve the reimbursement application and authorize the Board members to sign the form for submittal to MDOT. Commissioner Olson supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Finance Director presented the 2018-2019 winter maintenance costs to the Board. The total winter maintenance cost was \$923,884.28 with costs to complete winter maintenance up \$139,000 over last year. This can be attributed to an increase in overtime hours needed for winter maintenance this year due to weekend and holiday snowstorms and receiving an additional 14" of snow over last year. The season total for this year was 317 inches.

Mr. Talvensaari, Mr. Huwatschek and Mr. Meyers addressed the Board regarding the Bete Grise Preserve signs located in Jackson Riverside Park, the end of the Bete Grise Road and the end of Montgomery Point Road. The county sign ordinance state that these type of signs must be placed on the property the sign identifies. The Board directed them to the Zoning Department for enforcement. They also requested the Board remove the Road Commission articles from the Point Isabelle roadside table site since the Road Commission no longer owns the park, even though they were given permission by the Bete Grise Preserve to continue operating and maintaining the park. Commissioner Waananen motioned to remove the Road Commission items from Point Isabelle roadside table site. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Board discussed the gardener's wages. The Board determined a position adjustment was needed for this season. Commissioner Olson motioned to raise the wage 13.92% same as the temporary/seasonal truck drivers received. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried.

Other items of routine business were discussed

The meeting adjourned at 10:58 am

Joe Waananen, Chairman

Gregg Patrick, Engineer