

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

June 8, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on June 8, 2021.

Present: Commissioners Waananen, Olson and Karvonen

Guests: Ken Rowe

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm

The minutes of the May 11, 2021 meeting were read and approved by a motion by Commissioner Olson and supported by Commissioner Karvonen. The motion carried.

Vouchers # 28235 and # 28236 and Master Vouchers # 11-2021, # 12-2021 in the total amount of \$267,957.88 were audited by the Commissioners. Commissioner Karvonen motioned to pay the bills as presented. Commissioner Olson supported the motion. The motion carried.

Upon review of the monthly financial statement, Commissioner Olson motioned to accept the financial statement as presented. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried.

Old Business: Building Issues Update – None

Gay Stamp Sands – The Board discussed the possible sale of the property east of the entrance gate, approximately 14 acres and 1,100 feet of shoreline. Commissioner Karvonen motioned to hire the appraiser of the Central property to appraise this property. Commissioner Olson supported the motion. The motion carried. The Board also discussed a request from Loomis' Battery Michigan Light Artillery to use the sands for Long Range Artillery Competition. The Board denied the request based on liability and difficulty in controlling access. The USACE, EPA, MDEGLE and their subcontractors and consultants are all on site this summer.

Central/Cliff Sites – Bids for crushing 22A gravel in the Central pit will be accepted at the July meeting. The NFWF grant culvert replacement project on Central Creek on Gratiot Lake Road has begun with the fence removal and construction of the temporary bypass road. The temporary bridge will be installed in the coming weeks and the culvert installation is expected to begin in early August.

Gay-Lac La Belle Shoreline Erosion Update – None

New Business:

The Finance Director presented the final 2020 Act 51 Annual Financial Report and Audit Report to the Board and provided a summary of the contents. Commissioner Karvonen 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 Olson motioned to approve the reimbursement application and authorize the Board members to sign the form for submittal to MDOT. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Finance Director presented the 2020-2021 winter maintenance costs to the Board. The total winter maintenance cost was \$740,943.06, with costs to complete winter maintenance down \$174,225.00 over last year. The snowfall was 90" less than last year, which accounts for the reduction in costs. The season total for this year was 188".

The Engineer provided an update on the 2021 projects. The MDOT let federal aid project on Gratiot Lake Road has been awarded to Payne & Dolan, Inc. with a bid of \$427,899.80. We will be installing culverts on the Gratiot Lake Road in the coming weeks in preparation for the paving project. Culvert crossing will be temporarily paved since paving is expected to begin on September 7th. On a motion by Commissioner Karvonen with Support from Commissioner Olson, the Board authorized the Engineer to e-sign the MDOT contract. The millage projects on Tamarack Waterworks Road and Cedar Bay Road have been paved and shouldering should be completed this week.

The Engineer informed the Board of the need for more 22A aggregate. With the crushing and shaping of the bad segments of Cliff Drive, additional gravel will be needed. Commissioner Olson motioned to purchase up to \$15,000.00 of 22A from B & B in New Allouez to supplement our current stockpiles for future needs. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:18 pm

Joe Waananen, Chairman

Gregg Patrick, Engineer