

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

February 8, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on February 8, 2022.

Present: Commissioners Waananen, Olson and Karvonen

Guests: Ken Rowe, Jamie Thyrion, Barry Koljonen

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm

The minutes of the January 11, 2022 meeting were read and approved by a motion by Commissioner Olson and supported by Commissioner Karvonen. The motion carried.

Vouchers # 28251 and # 28252 and Master Vouchers # 03-2022, # 04-2022 in the total amount of \$238,549.52 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:

The Engineer received an email from the property appraiser regarding the potential split of the Gay Sands parcel into two separate parcels, "A" and "B", and corresponding values for parcels. It was indicated only a slight reduction in cost for Parcel B would be needed due to topography differences. The price is still based on buildable lake frontage property.

The Board reviewed the draft Seasonal Road Policy and current Seasonal Road list. The new policy and updated list will be adopted at a later date.

New Business:

Mr. Koljonen, Chairman of the Keweenaw County Veterans Affairs, addressed the Board regarding the Veterans Honor Roll Park on US-41 located north of Ahmeek. Following the presentation and discussion, the Board, on a motion by Commissioner Olson with support by Commissioner Karvonen, formally named the Honor Roll area as Keweenaw County Veterans Memorial Park. A rustic sign will be installed along with some minor repairs to other on-site features. Mr. Koljonen and Keweenaw County Veterans Affairs will apply for grant funding for additional work and features for the park.

The Board reviewed, discussed and agreed with the recommendation from the Interview Committee consisting of the Finance Director, Engineer/Manager, and Commissioner Olson to offer the position of Finance Director to Ms. Jamie Thyrion at a starting salary of \$60,000/year and vacation at the 3-year level as stated in the Management Employee's agreement. Ms. Thyrion accepted the offer and will start within the next month.

The Engineer informed the Board the Keweenaw Outdoor Recreation Coalition (KORC) is interested in making improvements to an existing dock or build a new one if needed on property

owned by the Road Commission on the lagoon across the road from the Bete Grise beach for canoes/kayaks. KORC would be responsible for all the costs associated with construction and maintenance of the proposed facility. The Board directed the Engineer to look into the liability aspects with KORC.

The Engineer and Finance Director requested the Board update the credit card limits to allow the staff to respond better to urgent parts and supply needs and to help with the supply chain issues. Commissioner Olson motioned to authorize the Finance Director to apply for credit card limit increases from \$5,000 to \$15,000. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Board discussed the upcoming CRA Annual meeting the UPRBA legislative banquet tentatively schedule to be held in Lansing, March 7-10. Commissioner Olson motioned to designate the Engineer as the authorized voter for KCRC on any issues that may arise at the meeting. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm

Joe Waananen, Chairman

Gregg Patrick, Engineer