

# KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

November 8, 2022

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

Present: Commissioners Waananen, Olson and Karvonen

Staff Present: Gregg Patrick, P.E., Greg Kingstrom, P.E., Jesse Patrick, Chris Cronenworth

Guests: Commissioner Elect, Gary Bracco, Mike LaMotte, Edward Cole, Steve Tinti, Ray Chamberlain, Janet Barnes

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Vouchers # 28269 and # 28270 and Master Vouchers # 22-2022 and # 23-2022 in the total amount of \$241,775.78 were audited by the Commissioners. Commissioner Olson motioned to pay the bills as presented. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried.

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

Old Business:

The Engineer informed the Board that Parcel "A" in Gay has been sold and documents were signed on November 2, 2022

An email was shared with the Board regarding the Cliff Mine site from the Keweenaw National Historic Park Advisory Commission.

New Business:

The proposed 2023 paving projects were discussed. The projects include Bete Grise Road and Gay-Lac La Belle Road. The final cost estimates and Bidding documents will be completed and funding sources determined for each road project. Bidding will most likely be in conjunction with Houghton and Baraga County Road Commissions in February or March to possibly improve regional paving prices and influence paving plant locations. Rural Task Force 13A will meet on November 22, 2022 to hold preliminary discussions on procedural and funding issues. The Keweenaw County Transportation Task Force will meet in December or January to approve the 5-year Transportation Improvement Plan and Rural Task Force 13A will meet again in January or February to approve the 5-year plans.

The Board discussed the Michigan Department of State Subscription Service which allows the Road Commission administration to review driving and employment records for applicants and existing employees. Commissioner Karvonen motioned to authorize the enrollment in the

Subscription Service. Commissioner Olson supported the motion. The motion carried. In relation to the Subscription Service enrollment, the Board is required to adopt an Employee Data Privacy Policy. The Board reviewed and discussed the policy as presented. Commissioner Olson motioned to adopt the Employee Data Privacy Policy as presented. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer updated the Board on the USRDA vehicle and equipment grants and the current time tables for applications and reimbursements. Updates were also given on the MIDEAL new pickup truck order and the broom/plow attachment and construction site traffic light systems. Commissioner Olson motioned to authorize the staff to request bids for the broom/plow attachment and construction site traffic light system and awarding the bid to the lowest bidder. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Board discussed the Fitzgerald's Restaurant encroachment into the right of way on Front Street in Eagle River based on the property survey completed by the owner. The Board directed the Engineer to contact MCRCSIP to discuss the matter and request an attorney be assigned to review the encroachment and submitted documentation and issue a response to Fitzgerald's on the Road Commissions' behalf. Edward Cole addressed the Board on Fitzgerald's encroachment issue.

Steve Tinti, representing Ray Chamberlain and Janet Barnes, presented preliminary information regarding a proposed abandonment of the western most segment of Harbor Street in Copper Harbor, where they own the property on both sides of the road. Additional information, easements, and a resolution will be developed and provided to the Board in December or January.

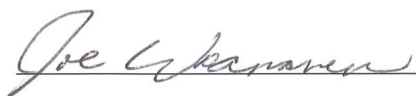
The Board and staff discussed the current and future I.T. services required to meet the needs of the Road Commission. The Board authorized, on a motion by Commissioner Olson with support from Commissioner Karvonen, seeking requests for proposals from I.T. service providers to be reviewed and awarded at a future meeting.


The Board discussed the appraisal price and starting price point presented by the Mohawk Methodist Church for the structure located adjacent to Road Commission property. The Board decided against buying the property and focus on a new structure that will include office and training space.

The Engineer informed the Board of the significantly increased Coastal Management Grant program administered by EGLE for FY 2023 with a minimum 20% local match required. Applications are due November 30, 2022. The potential grant would provide funding for an engineering study to determine the best alternative for the Gay-Lac La Belle Road erosion issue, including road relocation and shoreline armoring options. Having the study completed would potentially help in obtaining future grant funds for the selected alternative. Commissioner Karvonen motioned to authorize the submittal of a grant application to complete a \$100,000.00 engineering study, with a 25% local match, to evaluate shoreline armoring and road relocation options due to coastal erosion along the Gay-Lac La Belle Road. Commissioner Olson supported the motion. The motion carried.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

  
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Joe Waananen, Chairman

  
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Gregg Patrick, Engineer

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November 29, 2022

A special meeting was held at 12:00 noon on November 29, 2022 at Keweenaw County Road Commission office in Mohawk, MI.

Present: Commissioners Waananen, Olson and Karvonen

Staff Present: Gregg Patrick, Greg Kingstrom, Jesse Patrick, Bryan Wagner, Dylan Parske, BJ Gariepy, Bill Lahti, DJ Kaura

Guests: Gary Bracco, Mike Hagerty via Microsoft Teams

The Board met to review and discuss the health insurance alternatives for 2023 and listen to a presentation by Mike Hagerty of Gallagher, representing the Western Michigan Health Insurance Pool.

The health insurance alternatives included staying with the current BCBS plan with a self-funded HRA at 44 North with a 10% price increase for 2023 or moving to a BCBS PPO plan with similar or better coverage with the Western Michigan Health Insurance Pool offered through Gallagher from Grand Rapids, Michigan with a 5% decrease for 2023. The new PPO plan would require a 3-year commitment, with historical average annual increases in the 4% range.


Based on the information and costs associated with each plan, Commissioner Olson motioned to enter into a 3-year agreement with the Western Michigan Health Insurance Pool PPO Plan 6 as presented, pending final clarifications on the current HRA with 44 North that meet the Finance Director's satisfaction. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried with

Ayes – Waananen, Olson and Karvonen

Nays – None

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

  
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Joe Waananen, Chairman

  
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Gregg Patrick, Engineer