

KCRC Board Meeting Minutes

AUGUST 12, 2024

Meeting Time: 6:00 p.m.

Present: Olson, Karvonen, Bracco

Absent: None

Staff Present: Greg Kingstrom, Chris Cronenworth, Jesse Patrick

Guests: Don Piche; several members of the public for scheduled Public Hearing on abandonment

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Commissioner Olson and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Olson moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Chairman Olsen opened the Public Hearing at 6:02 p.m. regarding John & Jane Griffith's abandonment petition request for the northerly end of Tanskanen Road. Public comment was provided by the following:

John Griffith: Provided an overview of the abandonment petition to the Board and the public in attendance.

John Foley: Does not believe the abandonment petition should be granted.

Cindy Foley: Having access issues to their property because of Griffith's private road gate on the west side of ROW. Request that abandonment be denied.

Donna Effinger: Asked if road section being requested to be abandoned can be driven on? Board informed her that a drivable roadway does not currently exist.

Mike Hiltunen: Stated that Griffith's claims and reasons for abandonment are false. He objects to dead end turn-around being placed closer to his property. Objects to abandonment petition. If approved, requests that "No Outlet" or "Dead End" signs be placed at intersection with Farmers Block Road.

Victor Tanskanen: Noted occasional flood issues on West Farmers Block and current section of Tanskanen Road due to beaver dams on Griffith's property. Will the Griffith's allow KCRC to address/open beaver dams on their property if public roadway is flooded? John Griffith stated that would be possible. Engineer/Manager responded that KCRC is required to obtain permission in similar situations for water/beaver control from property owner.

Donald Weiss: Objects to any trees cut on his property to construct new turn-around at proposed "Dead End". John Griffith explained that turn-around will be constructed 66' into his property.

No additional comments received. Chairman Olsen closed Public Hearing at 6:35 p.m.

The regular meeting minutes of July 8th, 2024 were reviewed and approved by a motion of Commissioner Karvonen and supported by Commissioner Bracco. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Voucher #28311 and #28312, and Master Vouchers #15-2024 and #16-2024 in the total amount of \$431,448.44 were audited by the Commissioners. Commissioner Bracco motioned to pay the bills as presented. Supported by Commissioner Karvonen. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Financial Statement was presented and reviewed by the Board.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

Board reviewed the proposed Resolution for Abandonment of a Portion of Tanskanen Road. Commissioner Olson motioned to approve the abandonment resolution. Supported by Commissioner Bracco. Ayes: Olson, Bracco, Nay: Karvonen. Motion carried.

Engineer/Manager presented current invoice from Payne & Dolan Inc., for the 2024 Paving Projects in the amount of \$140,608.54. Commissioner Olson motioned to approve payment. Supported by Commissioner Karvonen. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Engineer/Manager presented the bid received for the 2020 JD 772 GP Motor Grader. Commissioner Olson motioned to accept the bid from Ingham County Road Department in the amount of \$245,000.00. Commissioner Bracco supported the motion. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Finance Director presented purchase, financing, downpayment and monthly payment options for the new 2024 Motor Grader and buy-out of the 2021 Cat Excavator lease. Commissioner Olson motioned to authorize Finance Director and Engineer Manager to execute necessary purchase/finance agreements for the purchase of 2021 Cat Excavator and financing of 2024 motor grader thru John Deere financial. Commissioner Bracco supported the motion. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Board discussed the request from Houghton Township to take over the operation and maintenance of the roadside park on corner of M-26 & Maple Street in Eagle River. Commission Bracco motioned not to take over operation and maintenance of another roadside park due to lack of resources/staff. Supported by Commissioner Karvonen. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Other

The Engineer/Manager provided a verbal report of current items of general business, operations, equipment and ongoing activities. Other items of routine business were discussed.

Opportunity for public comment was again offered. None received.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m. by motion of Commissioner Olson and supported by Commissioner Bracco. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion carried.



Richard Olson, Chairman



Greg Kingstrom, P.E., Engineer/Manager