

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

January 8, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on January 8, 2009.

Present: Commissioners Bjorn, McEvers and Muljo

Guests: Randy Eckloff

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M.

This was the organizational meeting of the Board. Commissioner Bjorn made the motion that the Engineer take charge of the meeting. Commissioner McEvers supported the motion. The motion carried. The Engineer asked for nominations for Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Commissioner McEvers moved to appoint Commissioner Bjorn as Chairman. Commissioner Muljo supported the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Muljo moved to appoint Commissioner McEvers as the Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Bjorn supported the motion. The motion carried. The meeting was turned over to the Chairman.

The minutes of the a December 11, 2008 regular meeting and the December 23, 2008 special meeting were read and approved as read on a motion by Commissioner McEvers and support from Commissioner Muljo.

Vouchers #28185, #28186 and Master Vendor Voucher #1-2009 in the total amount of \$187,753.22 were audited by the Commissioners and the Master Vendor Voucher was signed. Commissioner McEvers moved to pay the bills. Commissioner Muljo supported the motion. The motion carried.

The financial statement was read, discussed and approved on a motion by Commissioner McEvers and support from Commissioner Muljo.

Commissioner McEvers moved to adopt a Resolution authorizing the transfer of up to 30% of the Primary Fund to the Local Fund to made in accordance with section 12 (9) of Act 51, P.A. of 1951, as amended. Commissioner Muljo supported the motion. The motion carried.

Act 51 Road Certification was discussed. Commissioner McEvers moved to approve the certified mileage and to authorize the Chairman to sign the certification. Commissioner Muljo supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Forest Road Projects were discussed by the Board. Commissioner McEvers moved to approve the Gay-LacLaBelle Road, Gratiot River Road, Mohawk-Gay Road, Brockway Mountain Drive and Eagle Harbor Shortcut as Forest Road Projects for 2009. Commissioner Muljo supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Board discussed the Weighmaster Program for 2009. The Board agreed to join Houghton and Ontonagon Counties for the same program as in previous years.

The Engineer informed the Board of the status of the Central Stamp Sand and Creek Crossing Project. The NRCS and Houghton Keweenaw Conservation District project for covering and contouring the sands will be bid in May. The work should begin in June or July. The new creek crossing will be placed on KCRC property, with the stream being rerouted to its original channel. A pre-engineered bridge will be installed, with AFM completing the design and bid phase. On-site engineering services are required and the MDNR and MDEQ requested that KCRC provide these services in order to streamline the project and keep costs within the limits of grant money available. Commissioner McEvers moved to provide construction engineering services for the bridge installation, in addition to supplying and hauling mine rock and fill material from the Central Rock Pile as previously committed, at the creek crossing site. Commissioner Muljo supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer informed the Board of the CRAM Committee appointments discussed and nominations made at the Great Lakes Council meeting. At this time, the Engineer has been nominated for the CRAM General Policy Committee.

The Engineer informed the Board that a preliminary list of potential projects has been sent to CRAM, WUPPDR and MDOT for any federal economic stimulus funding that may be available. The final list will be sent next week and will include all of the projects currently on our Transportation Improvement Plan for Federal Funding, as well as others that are shovel-ready.

The Engineer showed the Board the areas in the basement where the overhead concrete shop floor has spalled on the underside and fallen to the basement floor. Efforts are being made to eliminate parking trucks in this area until most of the snow has melted off but this can't always be done. The snow, mixed with the road salt, creates corrosive melt water that is getting into the cracks in the floor. The previous recommendations, priorities and cost estimates of sealing the shop floor and converting the cold storage Butler building into a heated, heavy equipment parking and storage building were discussed. Commissioner Muljo motioned to have UPEA re-inspect the concrete floor and steel support structure for further deterioration and compare it to their 2006 building inspection and recommendations. Commissioner McEvers supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer informed the Board that a material purchase agreement for the Gay Sands should be received next week. It will be forwarded to the attorney for review and comment.

The Employees' Association rejected all three options made by the Board at the special meeting dated December 23, 2008. We are waiting for a counteroffer and/or reasons for the rejection which will come out of their next meeting.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.