

APPROVED MINUTES
ALGER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
January 16, 2023
4:00 p.m.

Pursuant to resolution, the Regular Meeting of the Alger County Road Commission was held at the Road Commission Office. The meeting was called to order by Chair Jack Hubbard with the following members present: Pete Heyrman , Jack Hubbard, & Marci Taskey. Absent: None.

Also present: Engineer/Manager, Robert Lindbeck, Finance Director, James Gariepy, Heidi Swajanen, Jim Rondeau, Mick Rondeau, Trevor Case, Dan Rushford, Shane Bugg, & Dan Carlson.

APPROVAL/CHANGES TO AGENDA

A motion was made by Taskey to approve the agenda as presented. Supported by Heyrman. Ayes: Heyrman, Taskey, & Hubbard. Nays: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 01/03/23 REGULAR MEETING

Taskey made a motion to approve the minutes from the 01/03/23 Regular meeting as presented. Supported by Heyrman. Ayes: Taskey, Hubbard, Heyrman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Taskey to approve the Accounts Payable, which is due in the January in the amount of \$94,169.32 and to authorize payment when funds are available. Supported by Heyrman. Ayes: Hermann, Taskey & Hubbard. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Trever Case suggested to the board that the road commission post their Meeting Minutes on their Web Site to be transparent. Gariepy explained to the board that it is not required by law. He also stated that it is not easy to do, because of the Web Site design, but he would contact the web site administrator for options.

ENGINEER/MANAGER REPORT

MDOT Maintenance Work:
Winter maintenance continues.

State Bridge Bundling Options for Woodland Road Bridge and Kivamaki Road Bridge:

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The Woodland Bridge removal has been advanced to a September 1, 2023 bid letting. Preliminary plans have not yet been completed. Both projects are under design.

H-58 over the Sucker River Bridge:

Survey and design work has begun. Preliminary plans include a 40-foot span precast concrete arch bridge structure.

Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Grant:

The MDOT Agreement will be forthcoming. We should anticipate a March bid letting, through MDOT. The project will have an August 30, 2023 completion date.

2022 Plow Trucks:

Our first truck is targeted for March 1st completion, and the second truck estimated to be in service April 1st.

2023 Federal Aid Buyout (Eben-Trenary Road, extending 2.10-miles south from M-94):

MDOT has approved supplying the Road Commission with 90% of the federal transportation dollar amount. A State-Local contract has not yet been received. The plans are complete. It is my goal to bid the project in February of 2023.

Bipartison Infrastructure Law (BIL) Discretionary Grant Programs:

I attended an online program, cooperatively presented by the County Road Association and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on January 10th. FHWA explained the additional funding that is being injected into Federal Infrastructure. I applied for one of the grants last year for paving Chapel Road, and may re-apply for the same project again under the RAISE grant. The RAISE grant application is a significant undertaking. I am hoping it will be easier, as I have 2022 forms as a template. I will also be exploring the Rural Surface Transportation Grant. Many of the discretionary programs are more applicable to urban infrastructure. I will keep the Board informed, as I research these two categories.

2021 ACT 51 Map Certification:

The certification map cover sheet has been prepared and is ready for Board approval and Chairman signing, during the January 16th meeting. No changes were made in 2022, except the name changes in the North Eben area (which was conveyed to MDOT immediately in September). MDOT now has the Alger County Maps scanned and available electronically – so I am required to simply attach an updated title

Munising Foreman Vacancy:

Mr. Dan Carlson has been hired as the new Munising (Shop #1) foreman. He replaces Mike Graves, who retired on December 31, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

ACT 51 MAP

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A motion was made by Taskey to accept the 2022 Act 51 Map Certification as presented, and to authorize Hubbard to sign the 2022 Act 51 Certification Map. Supported by Heyrman. Ayes: Hubbard, Taskey, & Heyrman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

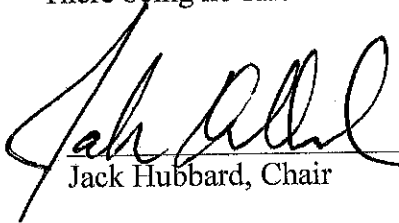
None.

COMMISSIONER TOPICS

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM.



Jack Hubbard, Chair

James C. Gariepy, Finance Director