

APPROVED MINUTES
ALGER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
April 17, 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, Dan Rushford, Tim Swajanen, Heidi Swajanen, Shane Bugg, Charles Custard, & 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 04/03/23 REGULAR MEETING

Heyrman made a motion to approve the minutes from the 04/03/23 Regular meeting as presented. Supported by Heyrman. Ayes: Taskey, Hubbard, Heyrman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Heyrman to approve the Accounts Payable, which is due in the March in the amount of \$186,316.75 and to authorize payment when funds are available. Supported by Taskey. Ayes: Heyrman, Taskey & Hubbard. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ENGINEER/MANAGER REPORT

MDOT Maintenance Work:
Winter maintenance continues.

State Bridge Bundling Options for Woodland Road Bridge and Kivamaki Road Bridge:
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 and State Historic Preservation (SHPO) review.

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H-58 over the Sucker River Bridge:

Preliminary plans include a 40-foot span precast concrete arch bridge structure. Final plans and advertisement will likely occur in the fall of 2023, with construction in 2024.

Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Grant:

The MDOT Agreement will be forthcoming. The project is now scheduled for a May bid letting. The project completion date is September 29th.

2022 Plow Trucks:

Our two new International trucks are estimated to be in service in May. We will strategize to use these new trucks only on highway shoulder maintenance for the summer.

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

I will be in contact with Payne & Dolan to develop a progress schedule, as construction season nears.

1-Ton Pickup Chassis (Grand Marais Foreman vehicle):

Our new 1-ton pickup has been delivered to Truck & Trailer Specialties in Boyne Falls. The dump body, tool box, and top light will be installed in the same configuration as the current unit. The existing Grand Marais foreman truck will be transferred to the Limestone fleet, as part of our long-term equipment plan strategy.

Grand Island Township Anthony Street Paving Agreement:

Over the past 16-years, I have periodically provided cost estimates for paving Anthony Street in Grand Island Township. This is their only gravel, local, road. They have researched financing paving and would like to go ahead with the work in 2023, as interest rates AND asphalt prices continue to rise. I have prepared and submitted the Agreement to the Township. I recommend the Road Commission Board approves this agreement and authorize the Finance Director and Engineer-Manager to sign.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

GRAND ISLAND TOWNSHIP AGREEMENT/ANTHONY STREET

Lindbeck explained the agreement for paving Anthony Street.

A motion was made by Taskey to approve the agreement with Grand Island Township for the paving of Anthony Street and to Authorize Lindbeck & Garipey to sign agreement. Supported by Heyrman. Ayes: Heyrman, Taskey, & Hubbard. Motion carried

ENGINEER/MANAGER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

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The board went into closed session at 4:20 PM, and returned into open session at 4:28pm
A motion was made by Heyrman to extend the engineer/manager contract 1 year, and to raise his salary by 2.7% starting May 1, 2023. Supported by Taskey. Ayes: Hubbard, Taskey, & Heyrman. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

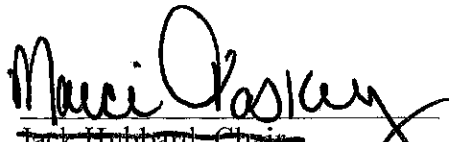
None.

COMMISSIONER TOPICS

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:32 PM.


~~Jack Hubbard, Chair~~
Marci Taskey
Vice Chair


James Gariepy, Finance Director