

APPROVED MINUTES
ALGER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
June 5, 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 Vice Chair Marci Taskey with the following members present: Pete Heyrman & Marci Taskey. Absent: None.

Also present: Engineer/Manager, Robert Lindbeck, Finance Director, James Gariepy, Dan Rushford, Dan Carlson, Charles Custard, Shane Bugg, Brice Burge, Mick Rondeau, & Brian Menghini.

APPROVAL/CHANGES TO AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 05/15/23 REGULAR MEETING

A motion was made by Heyrman to approve the minutes from the 05/15/23 Regular meeting as presented. Supported by Taskey. Ayes: Taskey & Heyrman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Heyrman to approve the Accounts Payable, which is due in the June in the amount of \$198,224.24 and to authorize payment when funds are available. Supported by Taskey. Ayes: Heyrman & Taskey. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brian Menghini asked the commission about a shoulder on H-44 and about posting Minutes. Lindbeck explained that the damage to the right of way has no bearing on the condition of the road way, and explained that it is low priority at this time.

ENGINEER/MANAGER REPORT

MDOT Maintenance Work:

The State maintenance coordinator has authorized shoulder work along M-28. Our crew is planning to be complete with this safety item by June 8th.

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

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The Kivamaki Road Bridge Replacement has been delayed due to State Historic Preservation (SHPO) review. The Kivamaki Road structure will be completed in 2024 or possibly 2025.

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 project will be bid on July 7th, through MDOT. This rebid project will have a completion date of September 27, 2024.

2023 Federal Aid Buyout (Eben-Trenary Road, extending 2.10-miles south from M-94):
Construction began on May 30th. Paving is scheduled for June 5th and 6th. All work should be finished by June 15th. MDOT has allowed the Alger County Road Commission to buy out BOTH our Federal aid and State "D" funds for reconstruction of this all-season route. MDOT has supplied an agreement for the \$60,000 of "D" funds. We need Board approval of the agreement and authorization for the Engineer-Manager to sign. These funds will be transferred at 100%.

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

Our new 1-ton pickup is estimated to be in service by June 15th.

Upcoming Continuation of Winter Maintenance Agreements:

During a spring Road Commission meeting, the Board was asked to continue maintenance on the privately-owned portion of Ice Cave Road. I suggested that we wait until spring thawing-season was complete before committing to another winter of maintenance. The private roadways in Rock River Township have been inspected and I recommend that the Road Commission Board pass a motion to continue our winter plowing agreements for the 2023-2024 winter on Ice Cave Road and the Ski Hill Access Road, with reimbursement for our services.

MDOT M-28 Culvert Replacement Bids:

Sealed bids were received on May 10th at 1:30 p.m. for the paving project. I recommend award to Gerou Excavating.

2024 H-58 Project (Miners Castle Road to 1.5 miles East):

I have begun the design process for next year's project, through MDOT's Local Agency Programs Section. I hope to submit preliminary plans by June 15th. Provided that MDOT conducts a timely review, we will have final plans by August 15th. This will insure that we are first in line for obligation of funding, as the 2024 fiscal year begins in October. It is my goal to secure a February 2024 bid letting for this project.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

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MDOT CONTRACT/D FUNDS

A motion was made by Pete Heyrman to approve MDOT contract #23-5244 and to authorize Lindbeck to sign contract. Supported by Marci Taskey. Ayes: Pete Heyrman & Marci Taskey. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PLOWING ICE CAVE ROAD/SKI HILL ROAD

Lindbeck explained that after the 2 roads were inspected after the spring thaw, that he recommends that we continue our winter plowing agreement for the Ice Cave Road and Chatham Ski Hill for the 2023-24 Winter season.

A motion was made by Heyrman to continue the agreements for the plowing of the Ice Cave Road and Ski Hill for 2023-24 winter season. Supported by Taskey. Ayes: Taskey & Heyrman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMISSIONER TOPICS

Taskey spoke about the condition of Akkala Road.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:12 PM.

Marci Taskey, Vice Chair

James Gariepy, Finance Director