

APPROVED MINUTES
ALGER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
June 17, 2024
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 Marci Taskey with the following members present: Marci Taskey, Pete Heyrman & John Hermann. Absent: None.

Also present: Finance Director Daniel Rushford, Shane Bugg, Brian Menghini, Dan Carlson, Ron Yesney, Sam Landes, Undersheriff Steve Blank, Mike Nettleton, Cory Kovacs, Mark Rankner, Sean O'Neill, PJ Costa, Don Reed, Tabitha Whitehead, & Karyn Robare.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by John Hermann to approve the agenda. Supported by Pete Heyrman. Ayes: Pete Heyrman, Marci Taskey & John Hermann. Nays: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 6/03/24 REGULAR MEETING

A motion was made by John Hermann to approve the minutes of the 6/03/2024 Regular meeting. Supported by Pete Heyrman. Ayes: Pete Heyrman & Marci Taskey. Nays: John Hermann. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Pete Heyrman to approve the Accounts Payable, which is due in the June in the amount of \$220,500.10 and to authorize payment when funds are available. Supported by John Hermann. Ayes: Pete Heyrman, Marci Taskey & John Hermann. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brian Menghini wanted to thank us for placing the reflective markers on the stops signs at H-44 and Eben-Trenary Road.

Karyn Robare of SORVA wanted to present the board with letters in support of keeping H-58/Trail 422 open to snowmobile traffic. This will be on the agenda for July 1.

Mark Pankner of SORVA came from Rogers City and wanted to emphasize the importance of keeping the trail open.

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Sam Landers states that at the recent snowmobile convention in Green Bay, WI, Miner's Castle was a destination for over half of the riders.

Don Reed from Curtis asked if there could be a possible change order after everything has been submitted and approved.

MDOT Maintenance Work:

All crews will begin mowing, along state highways, after June 17th.

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

The planning process continues for both structures, with construction delayed until funds become available. Kivamaki Bridge is moving through the State Historic Preservation Office review process.

H-58 over the Sucker River Bridge:

Only one bid was received. The bid was just over \$1.2 million. The project was estimated at \$850,000. The June bid, with a November 1st completion date, was not an adequate time-frame for most bidders and surely resulted in an escalated bid. The decision was made to re-bid in early fall 2024, with a completion date of November 1, 2025.

Chapel Road Construction Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Grant:

Bacco Construction plans to begin earthwork, in late June. Construction staking is complete.

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

The project has been awarded to Payne & Dolan, Inc. Construction is planned to begin on August 5th.

Rapid River Truck Trail Pulverizing and Paving Bids:

The project has been awarded to Bacco Construction. The project start date depends upon when Bacco completes gravel crushing on the AuTrain pit. Limestone shop crews will begin trenching and graveling with the residual 22A in our pit. Bacco plans to mobilize on June 20th, to begin crushing the remainder of the gravel required for the project. Following the pulverizing of gravel and underlying pavement, our crew will grade, compact and prepare the base for paving.

Union Negotiations:

The next negotiating session is scheduled for June 19th at 2:45.

2025 H-58 Project (Rosemund Road to 1.75 miles West):

I have started the design process and will be working through the MDOT Local Agency Programs process to deliver the job to bid letting in January of 2025.

MDNR Hurricane River Stream Contouring Project:

Mr. Cory Kovacs, with the MDNR fisheries division, will be presenting at our June 17th meeting. They would like to construct earth, stone, and timber composite structures (within the stream ban-width) to restore the Hurricane River to a natural stream contour. The stream has

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become a braided, shallow waterway, as it passes under H-58. I recommend that the Board approves the letter of authorization for the project and names the Road Commission chair to sign.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

MDNR HURRICANE RIVER-STREAM QUALITY PROJECT SUPPORT

A motion was made by Pete Heyrman to approve the letter of authorization and authorize Taskey to sign the agreement. Supported by John Hermann. Ayes: Pete Heyrman, Marci Taskey & John Hermann. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMISSIONER TOPICS

Marci had a few maintenance issues to discuss in Western Alger County. Lindbeck will address these with the Limestone Foreman.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM.

Marci Taskey, Chair

Daniel Rushford, Finance Director