

**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**ALGER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**July 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 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, Kim & Mike Rabbitoy, Dan Carlson, Shane Bugg, & Roy Aho

**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 07/03/23 REGULAR MEETING**

A motion was made by Heyrman to approve the minutes from the 07/03/23 Regular meeting as presented. Supported by Taskey. Ayes: Taskey & Heyrman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**JUNE FINANCIAL REPORT/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

A motion was made by Heyrman to approve the Accounts Payable, which is due in the July in the amount of \$211,070.54 and to authorize payment when funds are available. Supported by Taskey. Ayes: Heyrman & Taskey. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Roy Aho spoke about the poor condition of Stella Lake Road & Truck Trail. Lindbeck explained that the roads were in good shape until the amount of rain we have had deuterated the roads.

Kim Rabbitoy wanted to know if we were going to do any maintenance on Long Lake Road.

**ENGINEER/MANAGER REPORT**

MDOT Maintenance Work:

The State highway mowing continues on all highways. After the two-passes of mowing, full width brushing will be done on nearly 25 miles of trunkline.

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

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The Woodland Road Bridge Removal and the Kivamaki Road Bridge Replacement have been delayed due to State Historic Preservation (SHPO) review processes and the recently legislatively impacted retraction of Federal CRSAA funding. The funding for design engineering is intact. The planning process will continue for both structures, with construction delayed beyond 2023.

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 was bid on July 7<sup>th</sup>, through MDOT. This project was 76% over my estimated cost of \$466,000. The low-bid was Bacco Construction at \$805,708. I contacted the FLAP grant administrator at MDOT and informed him that the Road Commission would not be able to fund all of the design and construction engineering, PLUS \$340,000. The project can only go forward, if the FLAP funding can be increased by \$340,000. Mr. Kadzban advised me to put all decisions on hold, while he requests additional grant funding.

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

The project is COMPLETE.

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

The virtual plan review meeting was conducted on July 10<sup>th</sup>. I plan to have final plans submitted to MDOT by August 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Perry Road and Grove Street (AuTrain Township paving projects):

The two roads have been prepared for paving. Bacco Construction has scheduled paving for August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Asset Management Plan Updates:

The 2020 Asset Management plan was completed in accordance with State law. The law requires that the plan must be updated, every 3-years. I worked with the Central U.P. Planning and Development group (CUPPAD) to collect road ratings on ALL Alger County Roads in June. That data will be exported, (in the form of charts and tables) to our existing document. It is my goal to have the 2023 plan ready for Board approval, during our first September meeting. The document must be submitted to the State, prior to October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Burt Township 2024 Project Agreement (Wilson & Woodruff Paving):

The Township would like to have the Agreement for 2024 work approved, well in advance of our November budget preparation. I have added 10% to the last Grand Marais paving costs, then applied an additional 10% contingency. I recommend the Road Commission approves this Agreement

## OLD BUSINESS

None.

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **BURT TOWNSHIP AGREEMENT**

Heyrman made a motion to approve the 2024 agreement with Burt Township for improvements for Wilson Street & Woodruff Street, and to authorize Lindbeck and Gariepy to sign agreement. Supported by Taskey. Ayes: Heyrman & Taskey. Nays: None. Motion carried. agreement.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **COMMISSIONER TOPICS**

Heyrman explained that the crew did a good job grading on Mahony Lake Road.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.

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Marci Taskey, Vice Chair

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James Gariepy, Finance Director