

APPROVED MINUTES
ALGER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
August 7, 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, John Hermann, & Marci Taskey. Absent: None.

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

APPROVAL/CHANGES TO AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 07/17/23 REGULAR MEETING

A motion was made by John Hermann to approve the minutes from the 07/17/23 Regular meeting as presented. Supported by Pete Heyrman. Ayes: Taskey, Pete Heyrman, & John Hermann. Nays: None. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Lindbeck went over 2 emails concerning H-58 Haul Route and Funding for the Rapid River Truck Trail.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Pete Heyrman to approve the Accounts Payable, which is due in the August in the amount of \$246,194.82 and to authorize payment when funds are available. Supported by John Hermann. Ayes: Pete Heyrman, John Hermann & Taskey. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mick Rondeau was concerned about the condition of Country Lane and Akela 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.

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State Bridge Bundling Options for Woodland Road Bridge and Kivamaki Road Bridge:
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 7th, 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 informed me that the funding has been increased to the full low-bid amount.

Luce County Road 407 Project:
The Luce County Road Commission has designated H-58, east of M-77, as the detour route for their construction project. I have written to the Engineer-Manager to request an HMA overlay of our pavement to support the heavy haul-route traffic and detour traffic. The 1.4-miles immediately east of M-77 has been identified as the most fragile section.

2024 H-58 Project (Miners Castle Road to 1.5 miles East):
Final plans were submitted to MDOT by August 1st. 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 20th.

Asset Management Plan Updates:
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 September 18th meeting. The document must be submitted to the State, prior to October 1st.

Rapid River Truck Trail Pavement Reconstruction 2024:
On October 14th of 2022, I wrote to the US Forest Service to request \$288,000 toward an estimated \$577,000 project to crush, shape, and repave the 2-mile section of pot-holed pavement extending south from M-94. The Forest Service provided written commitment of that amount, on July 20th.

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OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

John Hermann made a motion to nominate Marci Taskey for Chair. Supported by Pete Heyrman. Ayes: John Hermann, Pete Heyrman, & Taskey. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Taskey mad a motion to nominate John Hermann as Vice Chair. Supported by John Hermann. Ayes: John Hermann, Taskey, & Pete Heyrman. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMISSIONER TOPICS

Taskey asked about the Chip seal job that was postponed because of rain.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:16 PM.

Marci Taskey, Chair

James Gariepy, Finance Director