

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
ALGER COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
August 21, 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, Shane Bugg, Charles Custard, Dan Rushford, Trevor Case, Brice Burge, Roy Aho & Brian Menghini.

APPROVAL/CHANGES TO AGENDA

Taskey asked to have Trevor Case a Board Member for Rock River Township added to agenda. A motion was made by John Hermann to approve the agenda with the addition of Trevor Case/Rock River Township. Supported by Pete Heyrman. Ayes: Pete Heyrman, John Hermann, & Taskey. Nays: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 08/07/23 REGULAR MEETING

A motion was made by John Hermann to approve the minutes from the 08/07/23 Regular meeting as presented. Supported by Pete Heyrman. Ayes: Taskey, Pete Heyrman, & John Hermann. Nays: None. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter for the Great Lakes Council was included.

JULY FINANCIAL REPORT/ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Pete Heyrman to approve the Accounts Payable, which is due in the August in the amount of \$175,642.92 and to authorize payment when funds are available. Supported by John Hermann. Ayes: Pete Heyrman, John Hermann & Taskey. Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ENGINEER/MANAGER REPORT

MDOT Maintenance Work:

Full width brushing will be done on nearly 25 miles of trunkline. Shoulder maintenance has also been approved for September along portions of M-94, US-41, and M-28.

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State Bridge Bundling Options for Woodland Road Bridge and Kivamaki Road Bridge:
The planning process continues 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 is expected to move forward with the added \$355,000 of funding supplied through the FLAP program. An updated State/Local Contract Agreement is expected, within the next 10-days.

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 September 6th.

Anthony Street (Grand Island Township paving project):

Bacco Construction has tentatively scheduled paving for September 12th. Road Commission crews will begin preparation work on August 28th.

City Limits Road (Munising Township project):

The roadbed work was completed on August 16th. Topsoil and seeding will be performed, during the week of August 21st.

Asset Management Plan Updates:

The document must be submitted to the State, prior to October 1st. It is my goal to have the 2023 plan ready for Board approval, during our September 18th meeting. The plan is made up of three parts. The Bridge Plan is COMPLETE. The Pavement Plan is 95% COMPLETE. And, the Comprehensive plan (combining all data and presenting the goals of the Road Commission) will be done in late August.

Rapid River Truck Trail Pavement Reconstruction 2024:

We are awaiting the US Forest Service contract for \$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 project will be included in our 2024 budget.

Budgeted Chip-Seal Work:

The planned H-58 chipseal project has been COMPLETED. The work went well and was a great demonstration of teamwork across Alger County, as well as being a partnering project with Delta County Road Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

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NEW BUSINESS

SEPTEMBER 4TH MEETING/CHANGE DATE

The board decided to move the meeting to September 5TH @ 4PM.

BOARD DESIGNATE/UNION MATTERS

Pete Heyrman made a motion to have himself as the board designate on union matters. The motion died for lack of support.

John Hermann made a motion to have himself as board designate on union matters. Supported by Taskey. Ayes: John Hermann & Taskey. Nays: Pete Heyrman. Motion carried.

TREVOR CASE/ROCK RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBER

Trevor Case handed out a packet containing the road commission polies on Seasonal Roads & Accepting roads into the county system. He also included the Easement for Rondeau drive way & Zoning Issues.

Trevor Case spoke to the commission on how we did not follow our policies concerning the improvements to the Ice Cave Road, but also said that it fixed a parking problem to the Ice Caves.

The board thanked him for bringing it to their attention.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMISSIONER TOPICS

Pete Heyrman stated that the road crew did a very good job on the City Limit Road.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:29 PM.

Marci Taskey, Chair

James Gariepy, Finance Director