

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
DICKINSON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2015**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Dickinson County Road Commission was held on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at the Road Commission Office located at 1107 S. Milwaukee Ave, Iron Mountain, MI 49801.

The meeting was called to order by Clerk to the Board Lindholm as there was no Chairman at this time and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT: Commissioner Brisson, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Carey, Commissioner Milbrath, and Commissioner Bilski

ABSENT: None

Also present were: Superintendent of Operations, Jim Harris Jr.; Sandra Lindholm, Director of Finance; Lance Malburg, County Engineer; Julie LaCost, Attorney; Henry Wender, County Board Liaison; Ted Testolin, Waucedah Township; Todd Rowell, Dickinson County Road Commission; Denny Olson, Breitung Township; Don Minerick, Sagola Township; Leonard Bal, Norway Township; Dave Wells, Breitung Township; and Ted & Marge Sparapani, Breitung Township.

APPOINT NEW CHAIRMAN: Clerk to the Board Lindholm called for nominations. A nomination for Commissioner Carey was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Milbrath. A call for any other nominations was called three times. Being none, a motion and support to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Carey was requested. A motion was made by Commissioner Milbrath and supported by Commissioner Bilski for the requested motion and support. The motion carried and the gavel was handed over to Chairman Carey.

APPOINT NEW VICE-CHAIRMAN: Chairman Carey called for nominations. A nomination for Commissioner Bilski was made by Commissioner Milbrath and it was supported by Commissioner Brisson. A call for any other nominations was called three times. Being none, a motion and support to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Bilski was requested. A motion was made by Commissioner Milbrath and supported by Commissioner Brisson for the requested motion and support. The motion carried.

APPOINT CLERK TO THE BOARD: A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Milbrath to appoint Director of Finance Lindholm as Clerk to the Board. All ayes and the motion carried.

SET REGULAR MEETING DATE AND TIME: A motion was made by Commissioner Milbrath and supported by Commissioner Bilski to have the date and time remain as is on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. All ayes and the motion carried.

CITIZEN'S TIME: Don Minerick, Sagola Township, addressed the Board. He noted a scheduling consideration we may want to look into when running the crack filling unit.

Ted Sparapani, Breitung Township addressed the Board. He noted he opposes the abandonment being looked at tonight and would like to see it remain the same out there.

APPROVE/AMEND AGENDA: Chairman Carey asked if anyone had any changes to the agenda. Being none, a motion was made by Commissioner Milbrath and supported by Commissioner Bilski to approve the agenda as is. All ayes and the motion carried.

APPROVED REPORTS: A motion was made by Commissioner Milbrath and supported by Commissioner Bilski to approve the Superintendent of Operations, Director of Finance, Engineer, Superintendent, and Construction Foremen reports as presented. All ayes and the motion carried.

APPROVED MINUTES: A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Milbrath to approve the minutes from the Regular Monthly Meeting on April 14, 2015 and Special Meeting on April 29, 2015. All ayes and the motion carried.

APPROVED PAYMENTS: A motion was made by Commissioner Brisson and supported by Commissioner Milbrath to approve payrolls in the amount of \$128,937.46. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Milbrath - aye, Commissioner Bilski - aye, Commissioner Johnson - aye, Commissioner Brisson - aye, and Chairman Carey - aye. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Milbrath and supported by Commissioner Bilski to approve time checks in the amount of \$129,072.18. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Brisson - aye, Commissioner Milbrath - aye, Commissioner Bilski - aye, Commissioner Johnson - aye, and Chairman Carey - aye. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Milbrath to approve material bills in the amount of \$100,662.53. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Johnson - aye, Commissioner Brisson - aye, Commissioner Milbrath - aye, Commissioner Bilski - aye, and Chairman Carey - aye. The motion carried.

The total amount approved was \$358,672.17.

SIGN CONTRACT WITH BACCO CONSTRUCTION FOR BREITUNG TOWNSHIP PROJECTS: A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Milbrath to sign the contracts. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bilski - aye, Commissioner Johnson - aye, Commissioner Brisson - aye, Commissioner Milbrath - aye, and Chairman Carey - aye. The motion carried.

AWARD 22A GRAVEL FOR BREITUNG TOWNSHIP PROJECTS: A motion was made by Commissioner Milbrath and supported by Commissioner Brisson to award Midwest Gravel. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Milbrath - aye, Commissioner Bilski - aye, Commissioner Johnson - aye, Commissioner Brisson - aye, and Chairman Carey - aye. The motion carried and the bids read as follows:

BIDDER'S NAME	Midwest Gravel		A. Lindberg & Sons	
	UNIT	TOTAL	UNIT	TOTAL
22A Gravel				
Delivered to Ardmore Property				
2,500 Tons	No Bid	0.00	No Bid	0.00
22A Gravel				
Picked Up At Pit				
2,500 Tons	4.70	11,750.00	6.00	15,000.00
Pit Location	Gauthier Excavating Breitung Avenue		M-95 Pit	

BIDDER'S NAME	Olson Gravel	
	UNIT	TOTAL
22A Gravel		
Delivered to Ardmore Property		
2,500 Tons	No Bid	0.00
22A Gravel		
Picked Up At Pit		
2,500 Tons	5.50	13,750.00
Pit Location	Olson Pit W6536 US2 Quinnesec, MI	

SIGN ENGINEERING REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST: Director of Finance Lindholm explained we receive \$10,000 from MDOT because we have a licensed professional engineer on staff and this request is sent on an annual basis. A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Johnson to sign this request. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Brisson - aye, Commissioner Milbrath - aye, Commissioner Bilski - aye, Commissioner Johnson - aye, and Chairman Carey - aye. The motion carried.

STANDARDS MANUAL DISCUSSION: Engineer Malburg explained the proposed changes to the manual. Drainage easements were discussed in depth regarding who should retain ownership, and who is obligated to take care of a plugged situation. It was determined it would be best to keep the easement with the drain commissioner, but allow us to go in to help with a problem if need be and bill the applicable party. It was also discussed that any changes would apply only to new situations. After further discussion, it was determined we will revisit this issue when more information is obtained.

DECKING POLICY DISCUSSION: Superintendent of Operations Harris noted he and Engineer Malburg just got a final draft on this policy finished today. He recommended this policy be put on the June meeting agenda so the Board can have time for a final review. It was agreed.

SIGN PINE MOUNTAIN ROAD/WESTWOOD COVER SHEET: Engineer Malburg played a video regarding the type of work that is going to be done on this road and explained how the process works. A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Brisson to sign the cover sheet. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bilski - aye, Commissioner Johnson - aye, Commissioner Brisson - aye, Commissioner Milbrath - aye, and Chairman Carey - aye. The motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH ABANDONMENT FOR DAVID WELLS - LITTLE BADWATER ROAD: Superintendent of Operations Harris indicated he has spoke with Mr. Wells regarding the proposed abandonment of 181.5 feet of Little Bad Water Road. He also indicated Mr. Wells has been to the Township as well. Superintendent of Operations Harris indicated the only issue he can see is the turnaround will need to be moved. He also stated there may be a plan for a bike path or walking path through WE Energies property which could cut it off if this abandonment goes through.

Attorney LaCost indicated the new procedures were completed and were going to be put on the agenda next month. She also recommended a copy of the new procedures be given to Mr. Wells. She further stated if all abutting land owners sign then it could move forward, but if he cannot obtain all signatures, it would need to go to Public Hearing. At that point, the Road Commission Board will have to decide if it is in the best interest to abandon the road. It was determined Mr. Wells will need to move forward to see if he can obtain all the necessary signatures.

COUNTY BOARD LIAISON: Henry Wender had nothing to report.

CITIZEN'S TIME: Denny Olson, Breitung Township, noted the Township Association meeting in Sagola and the speaker will be Randy VanPortfleit of MDOT.

COMMISSIONER'S PRIVILEGE: Commissioner Bilski welcomed our new Commissioner, Dale Johnson.

Commissioner Brisson commented about the Tom Kings Creek sign and there was a smaller creek there at one time.

Superintendent of Operations stated Randy VanPortfleit should be an interesting and intelligent speaker at the Township Association Meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Milbrath and supported by Commissioner Bilski to adjourn. All ayes, the motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

James Carey, Chairman

Sandra Lindholm, Secretary