

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
DICKINSON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2022**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Dickinson County Road Commission was held on Monday, March 7, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at the Road Commission office located at 1107 S. Milwaukee Ave., Iron Mountain, MI 49801.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carey and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

ABSENT: None

Also present were: Missy Berger, Director of Finance; Todd Donaldson, Dickinson County Road Commission; Henry Wender, County Board Liaison; Mike Pohlon, Dickinson County Road Commission and Todd Rowell, Dickinson County Road Commission.

CITIZEN'S TIME: None

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

APPROVE REPORTS: A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Brisson to approve the Managing Director, Director of Finance, Engineer, Superintendent, and Construction Supervisor reports as presented. All ayes and the motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES: A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Olson to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2022 Regular Meeting. All ayes and the motion carried.

APPROVE PAYMENTS: A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Brisson to approve payrolls in the amount of \$177,089.08
Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Brisson to approve time checks in the amount of \$195,081.55 Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Brisson to approve material bills in the amount of \$126,548.03 after corrections are made. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

The total for the approved was \$498,718.66

AUTHORIZE MANAGING DIRECTOR TO SIGN CONTRACT FOR COUNTY ROAD 569 BRIDGE AT BROWNS LAKE ROAD WITH UP. ENGINEERING: Director of Finance Berger stated that at the last month's meeting the Board awarded UP Engineering the contract. A motion was made by Commissioner Brisson and supported by Commissioner Bilski to authorize Managing Director Harris to sign contract for

County Road 569 Bridge at Browns Lake Road with UP Engineering. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

AUTHORIZE MANAGING DIRECTOR TO SIGN CONTRACT FOR COUNTY ROAD 581 SAFETY PROJECT WITH COLEMAN ENGINEERING: Director of Finance Berger stated at last month’s meeting the Board awarded Coleman Engineering the contract. A discussion took place regarding the status of the Engineering Tech vacancy, and the importance of this position. A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Olson to approve Managing Director to sign contact for the County Road 581 Safety project with Coleman Engineering. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Johnson– aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

AUTHORIZE RESOLUTION FOR CRITICAL BRIDGE PRIORITY LIST: Director of Finance Berger explained to the Board that the resolution is needed for the application for FY 2025 critical bridge funding for the County Road 569 bridge project. A motion was made by Commissioner Brisson and supported by Commissioner Bilski to authorize and sign Resolution for Critical Bridge Priority List. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.



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March 7, 2022

At the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Dickinson County Road Commission held at 1107 S. Milwaukee Ave., Iron Mountain, MI 49801 on the 7th day of March, the following Resolution was offered:

The following was offered by Commissioner Brisson and supported by Commissioner Bilski to submit an application for FY 2025 Critical Bridge Funding. The bridge described in the application is important to the Road Commission and the Traveling Public of Dickinson County and beyond, the Dickinson County Road Commission has prioritized as follows:

1. Bridge replacement project for Structure 2202, County Road 569 over the East Branch of the Sturgeon River. This bridge is located near M-69 at Foster City. Further, if selected for Critical Bridge Funding, the required match by the Road Commission will be set aside.

PRESENT:

James R. Carey , Chairman
Allan L. Bilski , Vice-Chairman
Dave Brisson , Member
Dale Johnson , Member
Quintin Olson , Member

ABSENT: NONE

All ayes and the motion carried

ATTESTED BY: Missy Berger
Missy Berger, Clerk to the Board

AUTHORIZE RESOLUTION FOR SUPPORT FOR THE BRIDGE ON COUNTY ROAD 569 AT M69: Director of Finance Berger stated this resolution accompanies the prior resolution. A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commission Olson to authorize and sign Resolution for Support for Bridge on County Road 569 at M69. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.



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Resolution of Support for Bridge #2202

At the regular meeting of March 7, 2022, the following resolution was offered by Commissioner Bilski and Supported by Commissioner Olson.

The Dickinson County Road Commission is in strong support of the application for critical bridge funding for the bridge on County Road 569 over the East Branch of the Sturgeon River. This structure is near M-69. This is an important bridge in our area. CR 569 is the only north-south route connecting US-2 and M-69 in the eastern 2/3 of the county. The only other north south route is M-95 which is near the west edge of Dickinson County. CR 569 serves the central and eastern parts of Dickinson County as well as the southern part of Marquette County. It is heavily used by the forest products industry.

Currently the structure is in senous condition. We have closed the shoulders (outer edges) due to deck deterioration. Also, the deck is showing serious flexure cracking. Environmentally, the structure is deficient. The existing structure has far too short a span for the river it crosses, not even half as long as of the bank width requirement.

Built in 1945, the bridge has outlived its useful life. Our plan for this bridge is to completely replace it.

We ask you look favorably on Dickinson County Road Commission's application for funding for the bridge on CR 569 at Foster City and award it the needed funding to replace this bridge and keep the truck route of CR 569 open and safe for industry.

If awarded funding, we will budget to provide the necessary match money as well as cover the costs of all engineering, permits, and right of way.

PRESENT:

James Carey , Chairman
Allan L. Bilski , Vice-Chairman
Dave Brisson , Member
Dale Johnson , Member
Quintin Olson , Member

All ayes and the motion carried.

ATTESTED BY: Missy Berger
Missy Berger, Clerk to the Board

AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN BREITUNG AVE GRANT REQUEST FOR PAYMENT FORM: Director of Finance explained to the Board that to receive the TED-F funds, the Grant Request Form needs to be signed and submitted. A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Olson to authorize Chairman to sign Breitung Ave Grant Request for Payment Form. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Bilski – aye, Commissioner Olson – aye, Commissioner Johnson – aye, Commissioner Brisson – aye, and Chairman Carey – aye. The motion carried.

INVENTORY INCREASE DISCUSSION: Chairman Carey stated that he has asked Director of Finance Berger to put together some information showing increases in inventory costs. Once compiled he will share with our State Legislators. Director of Finance Berger went over some of her concerns regarding fuel, blades and tires. She

further stated that Stock Clerk Pohlon is currently seeking bids on tires and blades. A lengthy discussion took place regarding inventory usage and ways to minimize costs.

COUNTY BOARD LIAISON: Henry Wender, County Board Liaison stated that at the next Township Association meeting being held on the 21st, County Controller Bousley will be in attendance to discuss the CARES funding the County Board received and how they can help the Road Commission and Townships. Commissioner Brisson stated that the entire Board should attend.

Henry Wender further stated that Jim Harris and Lance Malburg are working on an estimate for Pine Mountain Ski Jump (Kramer Drive).

TOWNSHIP COMMENTS: None

CITIZENS TIME: None

COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGE: Superintendent of Roads Rowell informed the Board that this will be his last meeting before he retires at the end of the month. He went on to thank the Board for all their support over the years. The entire Board congratulated Superintendent Rowell and complimented him on the job he has done over the years and that he will be missed.

Commissioner Bilski complemented the crew on the job they did during the last ice storm.

Commissioner Brisson inquired about the new plow truck specs, and his desire to attend the equipment committee meeting once the spec is completed. A brief discussion took place.

Commissioner Brisson further inquired about when road restrictions will be put on. A brief discussion took place regarding how and when they are placed.

Director of Finance informed the Board that the OPEB Actuarial has been completed and the unfunded liability has risen from 6.14% in 2020 to 9.88% in 2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bilski and supported by Commissioner Olson to adjourn. All ayes, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

Jim Carey, Chairman

Missy Berger, Secretary