

# KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

March 9, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on March 9, 2021.

Present: Commissioners Waananen, Olson and Karvonen

Guests:

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm

The minutes of the February 9, 2021 meeting were read and approved by a motion by Commissioner Olson and supported by Commissioner Karvonen. The motion carried.

Vouchers # 28229 and # 28230 and Master Vouchers # 05-2021, # 06-2021 in the total amount of \$252,227.22 were audited by the Commissioners. Commissioner Olson motioned to pay the bills as presented. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Olson motioned to accept the financial statement as presented. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried

Old Business:

The permanent trail easement through the Central property has been completed and sent to the MDNR for signing and recording.

New Business:

The Engineer informed the Board that the Gratiot River Bridge on Cliff Drive will need to be replaced in the next several years, most likely with a ConSpan type concrete arch structure with normal road embankment fill and pavement for years of maintenance free usage. The project should qualify for the Local Bridge Program funds. Commissioner Karvonen motioned to authorize the Engineer to complete and submit an application to the Local Bridge program due April 5, 2021 for FY 2024 funding. Commissioner Olson supported the motion. The motion carried

The Engineer updated the Board on the summer's construction projects. A scope amendment approval has been received from NFWF to change from a bottomless concrete arch structure to a concrete box culvert on the East Branch of Eagle River on Gratiot Lake Road. The bid documents can now be developed and we are anticipating an April bid date. The Gratiot Lake Road paving project application has received approval from MDOT and will be bid in May or June. Commissioner Olson motioned to authorize the project and for the Board to sign the cover sheet. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried.

The salt building roof is in need of repairs. MDOT has a cost sharing program for facility maintenance based on their usage of storage volume. MDOT will cover 87% and KCRC will be responsible for the remaining 13% of a roofing project to be bid out this March.

The FY2020 audit will be completed by Susan Sanford, C.P.A. She is expected to start at the end of the month.

The SnoGo purchase loan has been approved by Superior National Bank for 5 years at 2.09%. Thrun Law will provide certification as to KCRC's tax exemption status. The SnoGo has been ordered and we expect to receive it in October or November.

The Board discussed Seasonal Roads and will continue to develop a policy to guide future road status changes.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm

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Joe Waananen, Chairman

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Gregg Patrick, Engineer