

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

October 11, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on October 11, 2022.

Present: Commissioners Waananen, Olson and Karvonen

Staff Present: Gregg Patrick, P.E., Greg Kingstrom, P.E., Jesse Patrick, Chris Cronenworth

Guests: Commissioner Elect, Gary Bracco, AJ Kern, Dan Steck,

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Seasonal Road Public Hearing was opened by Commissioner Olson at 2:01 pm. The Board reviewed the Seasonal Road Policy, the list of roads being removed from the Seasonal Road System, and the new updated list of Seasonal Roads. Commissioner Olson motioned to approve the Seasonal Road Policy, the deleted roads and the updated list of the Seasonal Road System. Commissioner Karvonen approved the motion. The motion carried. The Seasonal Road Public Hearing closed at 2:04 pm.

The minutes of the September 13, 2022 meeting were read and approved by a motion by Commissioner Karvonen and supported by Commissioner Olson. The motion carried.

Vouchers # 28267 and # 28268 and Master Vouchers # 20-2022 and # 21-2022 in the total amount of \$271,744.97 were audited by the Commissioners. Commissioner Olson motioned to pay the bills as presented. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried.

Upon review of the monthly financial statement, Commissioner Karvonen motioned to accept the financial statement as presented. Commissioner Olson supported the motion. The motion carried.

Old Business:

The Engineer informed the Board that Parcel "A" in Gay has been sold for the appraised value of \$112,000.00 and closing should take place later this month.

Commissioner Waananen requested the transfer of names on the deed from Keweenaw County to Keweenaw County Road Commission of Copper Harbor Plat, Block 7, Lot 16 added to Old Business until the transfer is completed through a scrivener's affidavit. Road Commission records show it was paid with Road Commission funds in October 1933.

New Business:

The Engineer gave the Board an update on the proposed 2023 county primary and county millage paving projects. Currently, the Bete Grise Road will be paved using millage funds and the Federal STP buyout funds from Oakland County and Forest Road Funds will be used on the Gay – Lac La Belle Road. The projects will be scoped and estimates completed for review and approval at the November meeting and seek bids for the December meeting.

The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Karvonen with support by Commissioner Olson, added Greg Kingstrom to the authorized signatories on the Superior National Bank accounts.

The Engineer informed the Board of possible grant opportunities with U.S.D.A -Rural Development for various equipment purchases. Commissioner Karvonen motioned to authorize Greg Kingstrom, P.E. to sign and submit grant applications with the USRDA for upcoming vehicle and equipment purchases. Commissioner Olson supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer informed the Board that the next Great Lakes Council meeting is scheduled for November 3rd at 9:30 am in Baraga. Plans were made to attend.

Ms. Kern addressed the Board regarding the ditching, roadside wildflowers and future construction on the Bete Gris Road.

Mr. Steck addressed the Board regarding the possible Fitzgerald's encroachment in the Front Street right of way in Eagle River. All interested parties are awaiting a property survey to be completed to determine if the addition is within their property boundaries.

The Mohawk Methodist Church was briefly inspected by the staff. Depending on the asking price based on an upcoming appraisal, it could possibly serve a purpose for the Road Commission

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.



Joe Waananen, Chairman



Gregg Patrick, Engineer