

MINUTES OF January 30, 2024

A regular meeting of the Mackinac County Road Commission was called to order Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at 3:30 p.m. by Chairman Livermore. The meeting was held at the road commission office at 706 N. State Street, St. Ignace, Michigan. Roll call was taken and the following commissioners were present: Lester Livermore and Bill Wagner. Absent: Tom Doty. Also present: Dirk Heckman.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Livermore to approve the Regular Minutes of January 16, 2024.

An all aye vote was cast, motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

OLD BUSINESS

MATCH PROGRAM

It was moved by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Livermore to approve the Match Program Policy:

The Mackinac County Road Commission will participate 1/3 in the cost of the Mackinac County Board of Commissioners Township Match Program provided the township and Mackinac County Board of Commissioners also participate each in 1/3 of the cost as per the following:

1. The dollar amount for the Mackinac County Road Commission's participation per township will be reviewed annually.
2. All township boards will approve and sign a road agreement between the Mackinac County Road Commission and township prior to work commencing. The township's share will be 1/3 of the total agreement. The townships must have paid prior year's Mackinac County Road Commission invoices before a current road agreement is prepared.
3. The road agreement shall specify where the funds will be appropriated, i.e. pavement preservation, and/or project(s).
4. 50% of the Township's share will be billed and due prior to the start of the project.
5. Pavement Preservation: Pavement preservation shall be emulsion spray and chips and/or crack sealing.
6. Work: All approved work under this program shall be constructed by the Mackinac County Road Commission's workforce and/or its representatives.

7. Cold patching, paving and dust control will not be eligible under this program.
8. Township Road Agreements must be executed by the Township and returned to the Road Commission prior to June 1 of each year.
9. Construction work will cease October 20 of every year.

An all aye vote was cast, motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE RAISE GRANT
FOR ST. IGNACE ROAD PROJECT**

At a regular meeting of the Mackinac County Road Commission held on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 it was moved by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Livermore to accept the following resolution:

Whereas, the Mackinac County Road Commission recognizes that the St. Ignace Road is in poor condition and in need of reconstruction over the 7.9 mile segment from M-134 east to the Marquette/Clark Township line, and

Whereas, there is an opportunity to apply for the U.S. Department of Transportation's FY 2024 discretionary funding opportunity number DTOS59-24-RA-RAISE grant for funding infrastructure investments, and

Whereas, the St. Ignace Road is a Federal Aid eligible, Major Collector, County Primary Road that is an excellent candidate for infrastructure investment, and

Whereas, the reconstruction of this segment of the St. Ignace Road would benefit business and industry, tourism, recreation, the environment, and local transportation, and

Whereas, the Mackinac County Road Commission agrees to contribute the funding necessary for preconstruction and construction engineering, and

Whereas, the Mackinac County Road Commission authorizes James Cryderman, Engineering Assistant, to sign the RAISE grant application as their official representative,

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Mackinac County Road Commission has reviewed and does hereby support the application to the FY 2024 Department of Transportation RAISE grant opportunity for funds to reconstruct a 7.9 mile segment of the St. Ignace Road in Marquette Township, Mackinac County, Michigan.

The following vote was cast:
Yeas: Livermore, Wagner
Nays: None

Absent: Doty

An all aye vote was cast, motion approved.

COUNTY ROAD ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S BALLOT

It was moved by Commissioner Livermore and seconded by Commissioner Wagner to approve voting for Doug Mills, Baraga County Road Commission.

An all aye vote was cast, motion approved.

AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR MATERIAL BIDS

It was moved by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Livermore to authorize the Engineer/Manager to advertise for material bids.

An all aye vote was cast, motion approved.

GARFIELD TOWNSHIP ROAD AGREEMENTS FOR THE KOVAR ROAD PROJECT

It was moved by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Livermore to approve signing the Garfield Township Road Agreements for the Kovar Road Project.

An all aye vote was cast, motion approved.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The Engineer/Manager reported The Advertisement for West District HEO is being advertised. No in-house changes were requested.

Seasonal Weight Restrictions will be imposed on Friday, February 2, 2024, at 7:00 a.m. due to the unseasonable warm weather.

Requested a change to the regularly scheduled Board Meeting of March 26, 2024.

Reported on a request for a Special Use Permit for Simmons Road.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Livermore reported on the County Board Meeting of January 25, 2024.

Commissioner Wagner requested various information be provided to the Townships at the upcoming District Meetings and plans to discuss the intricacies of blacktop prices and bidding times.

Commissioner Wagner also inquired on Summer Maintenance operations. The item will be placed on the February 13 Agenda.

Commissioner Livermore also requested grading after chloride application as a District Meeting agenda item.

Commissioner Livermore also discussed a monthly Newsletter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no reports.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND BILLS

It was moved by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Livermore to approve payroll of 2/1/24 for \$73,419.33 and bills on 1/30/23 for \$69,015.10. An all aye vote was cast, motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Livermore to adjourn the meeting at 4:27 p.m. An all aye vote was cast, motion approved.

MINUTES APPROVED: