

## **MINUTES OF February 27, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Mackinac County Road Commission was called to order Tuesday, February 27, 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, Tom Doty and Bill Wagner. Absent: None. Also present: Dirk Heckman, William Heist and Luke Jeroche.

### **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner Doty and seconded by Commissioner Wagner to approve the Regular Minutes of February 13, 2024.

An all aye vote was cast, motion approved.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

William Heist complained about the grading operations performed on the north section of Simmons Road.

Luke Jeroche explained to Mr. Heist that Marquette Township doesn't have funding to fix Simmons Road but it is on their list of priorities and he requested Mr. Heist attend the Marquette Township Meetings.

### **2023 ACT51 CERTIFICATION MAP APPROVAL**

It was moved by Commissioner Doty and seconded by Commissioner Wagner to approve the 2023 Act51 Certification Maps and the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Mackinac County Board of Road Commissioner's wishes to correct the following on its road system as part of the annual Act 51 Certification as follows:

**Change spelling of Linch Road to Linck Road** on page 19, Newton Township. County Road #1135.

WHEREAS, the Mackinac County Road Commission recommends the following changes:

**Change spelling of Linch Road to Linck Road** on page 19, Newton Township. County Road #1135.

Yeas: Livermore, Doty, Wagner

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

### **CRASIF SAFETY SUMMIT, APRIL 4-5, 2-24, GAYLORD, MICHIGAN**

It was moved by Commissioner Doty and seconded by Commissioner Wagner to approve all interested to attend the CRASIF Safety Summit, April 4-5, 2024, in Gaylord, Michigan.

An all aye vote was cast, motion approved.

**CRA MANAGER'S RETREAT, MAY 8-9, 2024, GAYLORD, MICHIGAN**

It was moved by Commissioner Doty and seconded by Commissioner Wagner to approve the Engineer/Manager to attend the County Road Association's Manager's Retreat, May 8-9, 2024, in Gaylord, Michigan.

An all aye vote was cast, motion approved.

**MANAGER'S COMMENTS**

The Engineer/Manager reported Michael Houghton was the candidate selected for the HEO position at the West District garage. Mr. Houghton is completing his pre-employment requirements.

The EGLE permit for the McGahn Road is close to being approved.

The fourth Western Star Truck was picked up today.

There has been active litigation on the Sand Bay Road in Bois Blanc Township.

Senator Stabenow's office has indicated there is a good chance to receive funding for the St. Ignace Road Project. There were support letters submitted from the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians and the Townships.

Grader research has indicated the cost through MIDeal programming is approximately \$420,000.00. The Engineer/Manager recommended trading in two of the three graders MCRC owns now.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Wagner recommended a schedule of use for the new grader so both East and West District have equal usage.

Commissioner Doty recommended grader training for the crew.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no reports.

**CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Doty to enter into Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(d) of the Open Meetings Act, being MCLA 15.268(d), to consider the purchase/sale of property and also pursuant to Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act, being MCLA 15.268(c), to discuss strategy and negotiations of the collective bargaining unit.

An all aye vote was cast, motion approved.

It was moved by Commissioner Doty and seconded by Commissioner Wagner to return to regular session.

An all aye vote was cast, motion approved.

**PURCHASE/SALE OF PROPERTY**

It was moved by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Doty to approve selling the Breveort Township Property in Moran at the appraised value of \$21,000, contingent upon MCRCSIP drafting the purchase agreement to minimize any liability concerns.

An all aye vote was cast, motion approved.

It was moved by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Doty to approve pursuing appraisals for the Chard Road property and the Epoufette property and offer the property for sale by sealed bid for no less than the appraisal amounts.

An all aye vote was cast, motion approved.

**AFSCME LOCAL 388 UNION NEGOTIATIONS LETTER**

It was moved by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Doty to request April 17, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. for the opener of the Union Negotiations and an insurance overview.

An all aye vote was cast, motion approved.

**APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND BILLS**

It was moved by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Doty to approve payroll of 2/15/24 for \$61,765.38 and bills on 2/13/24 for \$82,247.17. An all aye vote was cast, motion approved.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**BILL WAGNER HEALTH INSURANCE UPON RETIREMENT**

Bill Wagner's Health Insurance upon retirement as outlined by his management contract from 2008 was discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Commissioner Doty and seconded by Commissioner Wagner to adjourn the meeting at 4:49 p.m. An all aye vote was cast, motion approved.

**MINUTES APPROVED:**