

MINUTES OF April 22, 2025

A regular meeting of the Mackinac County Road Commission was called to order Tuesday, April 22, 2025, 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 Dan Litzner. Absent: None. Also present: Dirk Heckman, Ronda Trowse, Glenn Gosnell, Jonathan Wyse, Zach Phillips, Brian McMillan, Lance Tremblay, John Kling, Michelle Furest, Don Butkovich, Gary Reid, Luke Jeroche and a representative from the St. Ignace News.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Doty and seconded by Commissioner Litzner to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2025. An all aye vote was cast, motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michelle Furest read a letter to the Board regarding St. Ignace Road and Nunn's Creek Road. The Board accepted the letter and placed it on file.

Luke Jeroche reported on the Marquette and Clark Township's Road Committee plans to fund St. Ignace Road.

Gary Reid spoke on getting St. Ignace Road upgraded.

Don Butkovich requested a portion of Pleasant Avenue be pulverized and returned to a gravel surface.

John Kling reported on the Public Hearing held in Clark Township.

OTHER BUSINESS

AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING FOR PLEASANT AVENUE PULVERIZING BIDS

It was moved by Commissioner Doty and seconded by Commissioner Litzner to authorize the Engineer/Manager to advertise for bids to pulverize Pleasant Avenue.

An all aye vote was cast, motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

GOSNELL UNION GRIEVANCE

The Gosnell Union Grievance was discussed.

It was moved by Commissioner Litzner and seconded by Commissioner Doty to deny the Gosnell Union Grievance.

An all aye vote was cast, motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS

MCMILLAN UNION GRIEVANCE

The McMillan Union Grievance was discussed.

It was moved by Commissioner Doty and seconded by Commissioner Litzner to deny the McMillan Union Grievance.

An all aye vote was cast, motion approved.

SAFETY REWARDS PROGRAM POLICY

It was moved by Commissioner Doty and seconded by Commissioner Litzner to approve the Safety Rewards Program Policy:

The objective of the Safety Rewards Program is to ensure everyone employed by the Mackinac County Road Commission work in a safe and efficient manner with a focus on personal safety though proper PPE, housekeeping and equipment.

Safety Program Parameters

Program will run from April 22, 2025 to the end of Construction Season, fall of 2025.

Participation in monthly training talks are required.

Any employee that incurs lost time injury becomes ineligible for all rewards.

Rewards will be distributed at the Spring Safety Day Meeting.

Seasonal Employees are not eligible for rewards.

Full time Employees must be present at the Safety Day to win Safety Program Rewards.

Safety Program Rewards

Rewards shall be \$150.00 allowance per eligible employee for safety equipment from the Safety Store or Northern Sand and Gravel store in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

An all aye vote was cast, motion approved.

RE-SCHEDULE FINANCE REVIEW MEETING

The regularly scheduled Finance Review Meeting was re-scheduled for Wednesday, May 21, at 4:15 p.m.

**STRAITS AREA COUNCIL MEETING, MAY 6, 2025,
MACKINAW CITY, MICHIGAN**

It was moved by Commissioner Doty and seconded by Commissioner Litzner to approve all interested to attend the Straits Area Council meeting, May 6, 2025, in Mackinaw City, Michigan.

An all aye vote was cast, motion approved.

CHANGE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF JUNE 17, 2025

It was moved by Commissioner Doty and seconded by Commissioner Litzner to change the regularly scheduled meeting of Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 3:30 p.m. to Monday, June 16, 2025, at 3:30 p.m.

An all aye vote was cast, motion approved.

**COUNTY ROAD ASSOCIATION'S MANAGER'S WORKSHOP
MAY 7-8, 2025, PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN**

It was moved by Commissioner Doty and seconded by Commissioner Litzner to approve the Engineer/Manager to attend the County Road Association's Manager's Workshop, May 7-8, 2025, in Petoskey, Michigan.

An all aye vote was cast, motion approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

GARFIELD TOWNSHIP ROAD AGREEMENT FOR THE KRAUSE ROAD PROJECT

It was moved by Commissioner Doty and seconded by Commissioner Litzner to approve signing the Garfield Township Road Agreement for the Krause Road Project.

An all aye vote was cast, motion approved.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The Engineer/Manager reported an MDOT Safety Grant application for correcting the vertical curve on the St. Ignace Road is being submitted.

It was recommended the bidding savings to the Task Force Funding for the Brevort Lake Road to be put towards a 2026 County Wide Pavement Markings Project for primary roads.

Twenty four applications have already been received for the HEO's position. Application deadline is April 25, 2025.

Clark Township has requested the Park Avenue Road End permit/license for the boat launch be reviewed and renewed.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Litzner inquired on the status of Swede Road.

Commissioner Doty reported on the earlier Clark Township Road Committee meeting.

Commissioner Livermore reported on the proposed road funding plan currently at the Senate level for consideration.

Commissioner Livermore commended the crews for their hard work performed during and after the recent ice storm event.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Livermore reported on the recent Safety Committee Meeting. The Spring Safety Day is scheduled for Thursday, May 29, 2025.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND BILLS

It was moved by Commissioner Doty and seconded by Commissioner Litzner to approve payroll of 4/24/25 for \$63,445.85 and bills of 4/22/25 for \$115,982.39.

An all aye vote was cast, motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Doty and seconded by Commissioner Litzner to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 p.m. An all aye vote was cast, motion approved.

MINUTES APPROVED: