

MINUTES OF September 25, 2024

A regular meeting of the Mackinac County Road Commission was called to order Wednesday, September 25, 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.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Doty to approve the Regular Minutes of September 9, 2024.

An all aye vote was cast, motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments.

SAULT TRIBE HOUSING AGREEMENT FOR WINTER MAINTENANCE

It was moved by Commissioner Doty and seconded by Commissioner Wagner to approve signing the Sault Tribe Housing Agreement for Winter Maintenance for the 2024-2025 winter.

An all aye vote was cast, motion approved.

LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT RESOLUTION

It was moved by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Doty to approve the following Resolution and Maintenance Match Policy:

Whereas the Mackinac County Road Commission values its partnership with the townships and County Board

Whereas the Mackinac County Road Commission by partnering with the Townships and County Board have made great strides in improving the roads of Mackinac County

Whereas the Mackinac County Road Commission has been successful in meeting its financial obligations as required by the State of Michigan to provide for post-employment benefits.

Whereas through sound financial planning and management, the Mackinac County Road Commission's Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) score for federal aid eligible roads is #2 in the State of Michigan.

Whereas the Mackinac County Road Commission developed and adopted a plan to reduce Township participation in maintenance type operations as finances permitted

Whereas local road improvements are still necessary and valuable to all of Mackinac County Residents

Therefore, let be it resolved that the Mackinac County Road Commission recommends to the Mackinac County Board of Commissioners, that the Road Commission Match Program be renamed the Mackinac County Local Road Improvement Program and that \$10,000 per local government be given directly to the local townships and cities with the requirement that it be used for road improvements. The funds could be used that calendar year or saved for a larger project in the future.

Furthermore, the Mackinac County Road Commission will no longer ask the townships to participate in a match program and will instead use county resources to provide those services without township involvement as our finances and manpower allows.

However, the Mackinac County Road Commission reserves the option to offer a Maintenance match to townships that request to assist in traditional maintenance type operations.

MAINTENANCE MATCH POLICY

The Mackinac County Road Commission may participate with a Township, up to \$10,000 per year at 35% of the total cost, for maintenance operations over and above the county road commission's standard planned maintenance as defined below:

- The extra maintenance will be agreed upon by the Township Board and the Road Commission by approving and signing a Subsidized Maintenance Agreement.
- Requests for must be received from the township prior to May 1st and a signed Subsidized Maintenance Agreement delivered to the Road Commission on or before June 1st of the year the work is to be performed.
- The annual expenditure per township by the road commission shall not exceed \$10,000.
- The Subsidized Maintenance Agreement shall specify what maintenance functions will be performed and where the work will be done.
- All approved work to be matched shall be performed by the Mackinac County Road Commission's workforce and/or its representatives.
- Maintenance items eligible for the maintenance match are limited to the following items:
 - ✓ Pavement preservation including emulsion spray and chips and/or crack sealing.
 - ✓ Graveling and/or reclaiming Shoulders.
 - ✓ Clearing and brushing of right of way.
- The township shall be billed for the Subsidized Maintenance Agreements after completion of the work described therein.

- The Mackinac County Road Commission retains the right to not authorize any Subsidized Maintenance Agreement.

The following vote was cast:

Yeas: Livermore, Doty, Wagner.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion approved.

**U.P. CLERK'S ANNUAL FALL MEETING,
MUNISING, MI, OCTOBER 23-24, 2024**

It was moved by Commissioner Doty and seconded by Commissioner Wagner to approve all interested to attend the U. P. Clerk's Meeting, October 23-24, 2024, in Munising, Michigan.

An all aye vote was cast, motion approved.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The Engineer/Manager reported Mackinac CRC received CRASIF's 2023-2024 "Goose Egg Award" for zero worker's compensation claims.

A Safety Committee Meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 3 p.m. to plan the Fall Safety Day.

Reminder the Rural Task Force Meeting is Monday, September 30 at 3:00 p.m.

Applications are due for Seasonal HEO tomorrow, at 10:00 a.m.

A logger on the east part of Mackinac County has been directed to apply for a temporary drive permit.

The Commissioner's Seminar training has recommended working with the County Treasurer to invest in higher interest bearing accounts.

The Enbridge/Moran Township Meeting has been rescheduled to November.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Doty reported on CRASIF's Annual Meeting and has been re-elected as CRASIF's Chairman of the board.

Commissioner Wagner inquired about sign maintenance.

Commissioner Livermore discussed planning forestry money for specific projects with our crew.

Commissioner Wagner discussed equipment needs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no reports.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND BILLS

It was moved by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Doty to approve payroll of 9/26/24 for \$53,312.89 and bills on 9/24/24 for \$173,407.29. An all aye vote was cast, motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Doty and seconded by Commissioner Wagner to adjourn the meeting at 4:26 p.m. An all aye vote was cast, motion approved.

MINUTES APPROVED: