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WEXFORD COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

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Regular Meeting

July 27, 2023

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Harry Hagstrom, at 7:30 a.m.

Roll Call: Present – Hagstrom, Falan, Leggett, Hilty. Jurik

Also Present:

Engineer/Manager: Karl Hanson
Finance and Business Manager: Annie Strom
Superintendent: Tim Schonert
Asst. Superintendent: Brad Harris
Fleet & Facilities Manager: Travis Smith

Visitor(s): Brian Potter

Pledge of Allegiance

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Falan to approve the June 28, 2023 minutes as presented. Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Hagstrom, yes; Commissioner Hilty, yes; Commissioner Leggett yes; Commissioner Falan, yes; Commissioner Jurik, abstain. Motion approved.

Addition to the Agenda: None.

Public Comment:

County Board Liaison:

Mr. Potter inquired about the status of the Boon Road and 13th Street projects; Mr. Hanson stated Boon Road is on scheduled and expected to be completed by the weekend. 13th Street project needs to have a railroad inspector present, awaiting a schedule from them. A citizen expressed to Mr. Potter that they felt there was an excess of gravel left in yards on the Pointe East project.

Previous Business: None.

New Business:

A motion was made by Commissioner Jurik and seconded by Commissioner Hilty to approve the temporary resigning of 11 Rd, 13 Rd and 2 ½ Rd for the dates of August 17th through 20th, for the Buckley Old Engine Show. Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Hagstrom, yes; Commissioner Falan, yes; Commissioner Hilty, yes; Commissioner Leggett, yes; Commissioner Jurik, yes. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Falan and seconded by Commissioner Jurik to vote CRASIF Board of Trustees as follows: Tom Doty for the Upper Peninsula region, Ken Hulka and Beth Hunt for the at large positions. Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Hagstrom, yes; Commissioner Falan, yes; Commissioner Hilty, yes; Commissioner Leggett, yes; Commissioner Jurik, yes. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jurik and seconded by Commissioner Hilty to approve the 2nd quarter financial statement. Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Hagstrom, yes; Commissioner Falan, yes; Commissioner Hilty, yes; Commissioner Leggett, yes; Commissioner Jurik, yes. Motion unanimously approved.

A discussion took place regarding the MDOT changes to jurisdictional transfer payments. Mr. Hanson informed the Board of an email sent to effected Road Commissions, that lump sum jurisdictional transfer payments would stop effectively immediately. Since the notice was sent there have been meetings with MDOT staff expressing concerns about how this will negatively impact effected Road Commissions. The Commissioners all expressed that this is a large concern and inquired about the next steps. Mr. Hanson stated that this greatly affects WCRC as there have been large trunkline transfers within the US-131 corridor along with the old M-42 section. There will be an impact on our budget and some changes may need to be made, for now we will stay in a holding position as this is an early stage of the discussions. Mr. Hanson will keep the board updated as information comes through.

Administrative Reports:

Mr. Smith reported that the shop is doing good. Brine and grader equipment is still rolling and a new skid steer is expected in July and the 60G is expected in a couple of weeks. The mechanics requested new uniforms and 97 is done and ready to use.

Mr. Schonert stated that culverts and mowing have been completed, with the second round mowing starting. Plan is to move dirt to 45 ½ road next week and they have been doing shoulder work behind the paving crews. He also stated Mr. Shaw did a good job leading the crew of new employees.

Mr. Harris echoed Mr. Schonert's remarks and added they have been staying in front of Mr. Moore's projects and trying to be proactive with the public.

Mr. Hanson spoke on Mr. Moore's behalf stating that Pointe East and Boon Road projects went well and the majority of chipseal and fog seal projects were completed. He also commented that the area slated for crumb rubber this year, will move to next year. Permits are still on going. Mr. Hanson also spoke about the purchase of Elmer's by Reith-Riley.

Board Comments:

Mr. Falan stated that he has heard things are going well.

Mr. Jurik echoed Mr. Falan's comment and invited everyone to the Garlic Festival.

Mr. Hilty spoke about how disappointed he is with MDOTs decision making in regard to the jurisdictional transfer payment.

Mr. Leggett said that it is nice to see everything going well and expressed thanks for the patience in dealing with the new crew.

Mr. Hagstrom also conveyed his disappointment with MDOTs decision for the jurisdictional transfer payment. He commented to keep up the good work here and to be conscious of spending and equipment wear, 'think of the money as yours when spending'. He also stated to bring any detour issues to Karl's attention. And expressed the everyone is doing a great job.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 a.m.


Harry Hagstrom, Chairman


Annie Strom, Finance and Business Manager

