

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

May 14, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on May 14, 2019.

Present: Commissioners Waananen, Schaefer & Olson

Guests: Ken Rowe

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm

The minutes of the April 9, 2019 regular meeting were read and approved by a motion by Commissioner Schaefer and supported by Commissioner Olson. The motion carried.

Vouchers # 28435 and # 28436 and Master Vouchers # 9-2019, # 10-2019 in the total amount of \$245,974.15 were audited by the Commissioners and the Master Vendor Voucher was signed. Commissioner Schaefer motioned to pay the bills as presented. Commissioner Olson supported the motion. The motion carried.

The financial statement was read, discussed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Schaefer and supported by Commissioner Olson. The motion carried.

Old Business:

HB 4120 is in the Senate Transportation and Infrastructure Committee awaiting a place on the agenda.

The Engineer informed the Board that an application for \$430,000.00 grant from the Michigan Wetland Mitigation Board has been awarded for further wetland purchases, working with KCRC as in the past.

The Board discussed the Central Property with Jim Vivian, III and its possible sale at a price determined by an appraiser he hired. The Board postponed any sale of the property until further discussions could be held to determine the final sale price.

New Business:

The Finance Director presented the Board with the final 2018 Act 51 annual report. The report was reviewed and discussed.

Corrective Action Plans for MERS and OPEB were presented by the Finance Director and discussed by the Board. Commissioner Waananen motioned to adopt and submit the Health Benefit Correction Action Plan as presented for submittal to the Treasury Department. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried

The Engineer informed the Board that the Gay Smokestack has had more spalling of the exterior portions of concrete and more rebar has been exposed. The Board discussed whether to inspect the stack for structural integrity, but since no corrective action would be taken, the Board discussed other options including demolition or transferring ownership to any other interested parties, including Sherman Township, Keweenaw County Historical Society and the Keweenaw National Historic Park. The Board directed the Engineer to contact them to see if they are interested.

The Board reviewed and discussed the applications with the Engineer and Finance Director for the two temporary/seasonal laborer/truck driver positions. Jeff Frantti and Matt Ylitalo were selected. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Schaefer with support from Commissioner Olson, adopted a temporary/seasonal employment agreement.

The U.P. Road Builders Association summer meeting will be June 12-13 in Harris. Plans were made to attend. Due to the timing of the U.P. Road Builders meeting, the June 11th Board meeting has been rescheduled from 2:00pm to 10:00 am.

The MCRCSIP annual meeting is scheduled for July 17-18 in Mt. Pleasant. Commissioner Olson motioned to appoint the Engineer as the voting delegate and the Finance Director as the alternate. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Board discussed obsolete equipment, including the no longer used wheel loader #141 and an old brush rake that hasn't been used for 20 years for a bulldozer we no longer have. Commissioner Olson motioned to sell these obsolete pieces for a fair market value. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm

Joe Waananen, Chairman

Gregg Patrick, Engineer