

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

March 5, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on March 5, 2020.

Present: Commissioners Waananen, Schaefer & Olson

Guests:

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm

A moment of silence was held in honor of Houghton County Road Commissioner Ken Rowe, who passed away today.

The minutes of the February 11, 2020 regular meeting were read and approved by a motion by Commissioner Schaefer and supported by Commissioner Olson. The motion carried.

Vouchers # 28455 and # 28456 and Master Vouchers # 5-2020, # 6-2020 in the total amount of \$191,793.21 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.

Commissioner Schaefer motioned to accept the financial statement as presented. Commissioner Olson supported the motion. The motion carried

Old Business:

The Board discussed various issues involving the Gay Sands, including the potential GreenSand proposal to MDEGLE.

The Engineer informed the Board that H.B. 5314, introduced by Representative Markkanen, is now in the House Ways and Means Committee and is awaiting further discussion.

CRA is completing a survey and compiling the data for the Legislature on local road erosion issues. The Engineer submitted the information for KCRC last week.

KCRC Asset Management Plans are due October, 2020. Currently the Bridge plan is 80% complete and will need to wait for the upcoming bridge inspections to be completed. The Road plan will be completed following the June PASER ratings.

New Business:

Culvert bids were received from U.P. Concrete Pipe, St. Regis Culvert, Contech, Etna Supply and Cadillac Culvert on March 4, 2020. The low bidder was Cadillac Culvert with a bid of \$44,736.71 for polymer coated corrugated steel pipe of various sizes. Commissioner Schaefer motioned to accept the low bid from Cadillac Culvert and to spend an additional \$20,000.00 on future inventory culverts for the same prices given by Cadillac Culvert. Commissioner Olson supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Board and Engineer discussed Houghton County Road Commission's request to use Gay stamp sands for winter traction control as they have exhausted their Point Mills Pit. Commissioner Waananen stated that when the property was purchased from Copper Range in 1983, it was offered to both Keweenaw County Road Commission and Houghton County Road Commission, and Houghton County Road Commission was to have access to the sand whenever they needed. The Board concluded they can have access as requested.

The Engineer informed the Board that the Gratiot River Bridge on Cliff Drive will need to be replaced in the next several years, most likely with a ConSpan Type concrete arch structure with normal road embankment fill and pavement for years of maintenance free usage. The project should qualify for Local Critical Bridge funds. Commissioner Olson motioned to authorize the Engineer to complete and submit an application to the Local Critical Bridge program due May 1, 2020 for fiscal year 2023 funding. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried.

Other items of routine business were discussed

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm

Joe Waananen, Chairman

Gregg Patrick, Engineer