

## KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

September 9, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on September 9, 2010.

Present: Commissioners Bjorn, McEvers and Muljo

Guest: Randy Eckloff, Ken Rowe, Dominic Popko, Fred Gaff

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M.

The minutes of the August 12, 2010 regular meeting were read and approved as read on a motion by Commissioner Muljo and support from Commissioner McEvers.

Vouchers #28225, #28226 and Master Vendor Voucher #10-2010 in the total amount of \$176,510.10 were audited by the Commissioners and the Master Vendor Voucher was signed. Commissioner Muljo moved to pay the bills. Commissioner McEvers supported the motion. The motion carried.

The financial statement was read, discussed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Muljo and support from Commissioner McEvers.

Mr. Popko of GreenSand, Inc. gave the Board an update on the Gay stamp sand material sales and potential uses, options for shipping the material, and local processing options. GreenSand, Inc. is planning on moving raw material or product in 2011.

Mr. Gaff presented to the Board with the new BCBS statewide policy requirements for the prescription drug program. BCBS is disallowing any groups from having an internal self funded drug reimbursement program such as KCRC's 10/20 program for the 10/40 drug plan. BCBS is strictly enforcing this measure and will drop both health and drug plans of any groups found in violation. This will affect the retired employee's effective October 1<sup>st</sup>, due to their being placed on a separate plan, and for the active employee's if the current plan is changed for 2011.

The Board received a proposal from the Employees' Association for the next contract. The current agreement expires October 31<sup>st</sup>. The Board did not discuss or take any action due the continually evolving health insurance issue. Mr. Gaff stated the costs for the current health plan and any new options would not be available for another 3 to 4 weeks.

The Engineer informed the Board that the salt storage building will become solely owned by KCRC in October 2010. MDOT will retain salt storage rights for another 5 years. The Board discussed enclosing the lean-to as originally planned to increase secure cold storage area. The Board directed the Engineer to develop a materials list for the project to completed with in-house forces next spring or summer.

The Superintendents' Seminar is scheduled for September 29 - October 1 in Sault Ste. Marie. Plans were made to attend.

The Engineer informed the Board that the MDOT Great Sand Bay Roadside Improvement Project was moving forward with a bid date in later September. The agreements for the right-of-way purchase from Mr. William Clark have been received and must be signed and returned to MDOT. Commissioner Muljo motioned to adopt a resolution approving the agreement and authorizing the Chairman to sign it. Commissioner McEvers supported the motion. The motion carried. A copy of this resolution will be made a part of these minutes. In conjunction with this action, Commissioner McEvers motioned to authorize the payment of \$30,000 to MDOT when required to complete the transaction, and billing Eagle Harbor Township and Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners for their \$10,000 shares at the same time. Commissioner Muljo supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer informed the Board that the 3 TWA's are mostly completed for MDOT on US-41. The culvert extensions near Phoenix will be completed next week. This additional work from MDOT will total around \$130,000 which is in addition to our regular maintenance contract. The additional funding is the result of the light winter last year and the unused winter maintenance funding.

The Engineer and the Board discussed the manpower needs for the upcoming winter maintenance since funding reductions have not allowed the replacement of 8 out of 9 retirees and 4 year round temporary workers. The Engineer and Foreman determined that the 4 temporary, seasonal drivers with CDL's from last year would be needed along with one wing man to continue the current level of service in the winter maintenance program. Mike McMahon informed the Engineer that he would not be returning this winter as a temporary driver. The Board decided to hire the alternate selected during the interview process last year, Josh Teddy, and current temporary employee, John Gherna, as the wingman.

The Engineer informed the Board that the zoning changes requested for KCRC property in Central was discussed with the Planning Commission and should be approved at their meeting in September. The zoning issues at the Cliff and New Allouez property have been addressed as these borrow sites are grandfathered in with respect to the current zoning as well as KCRC's right to obtain materials from any property or existing pits for road building and maintenance operations, regardless of zoning.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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Eric Bjorn, Chairman

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Gregg M. Patrick, Engineer