

KEWENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

August 7, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on August 7, 2008.

Present: Commissioners Tuoriniemi, Bjorn and McEvers

Guests: John Griffith

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

The minutes of the July 9, 2008 regular meeting were read and approved as read on a motion by Commissioner McEvers and support from Commissioner Bjorn.

Vouchers #28173, #28174 and Master Vendor Voucher #9-2008 in the total amount of \$296,565.00 were audited by the Commissioners and the Master Vendor Voucher was signed. Commissioner McEvers moved to pay the bills. Commissioner Bjorn supported the motion. The motion carried.

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

The Engineer gave the Board an update on the summer construction projects. All the chip sealing projects were completed and the Local Jobs Today project on Five Mile Point Road needed the centerline painting and shoulder work to be completed.

The Engineer informed the Board that the back shed roofs of the Main Garage were leaking and needed the roofing materials replaced. Rubber roofs were recommended due to the snow impacts from the main roof and the need to shovel the shed roofs in the winter. The Board authorized the Engineer to proceed with the repairs based on the estimate of approximately \$6,000.00.

The Engineer informed the Board that the next Great Lakes Council meeting will be on Thursday, September 18th at 9:30 a.m. in Baraga. The meeting was moved two weeks later than usual to avoid some conflicts with Lower Michigan meetings.

The MERS Annual Meeting is scheduled for Traverse City, September 30 – October 2.

The CRASIF Annual Meeting is scheduled for September 3, in conjunction with the Northern Michigan Association of Road Commissions annual meeting at Boyne Falls. Commissioner Bjorn motioned that the Engineer be designated as the voting delegate. Commissioner McEvers supported the motion. The motion carried.

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The Board discussed the request from Russell Foley of Eagle River for a letter of support for a private drive through a critical dune area. The permit was already denied. The Board discussed the issue and determined that the Board was not in the position to offer support for a permit that was already denied

by the MDEQ. Other reasons included the private road would be connecting to a state highway, not a county road, and the project involves the critical dune law, which we must comply with on any of our projects that are in critical dunes areas.

The Board discussed the potential uses for the left over ice control stamp sand/salt mix from last winter. Several options were discussed and would be addressed at the next meeting.

The Engineer informed the Board that the current cleaning person wants to give up her position. The Board directed the Engineer to fill the position with another individual or contact a cleaning service.

The Board discussed the letter received from the Keweenaw Zoning Department regarding the special use permit required to allow the Keweenaw County Historical Society to convert the Sherman Township School into a public museum. Commissioner Bjorn motioned to have the Engineer submit a letter of support for the proposed project, stating the conversion would be of economic, historical and scenic value to Keweenaw County. Commissioner McEvers supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer informed the Board that the steam cleaner has finally failed and is beyond reasonable repair. We have received quotes to replace the unit twice in the last four years but have opted to repair it instead. The Board discussed the matter and Commissioner McEvers motioned to authorize the Engineer to purchase a new unit for approximately \$4,325.00. Commissioner Bjorn supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer informed the Board that the Asset Management Workshop for Elected Officials is tentatively scheduled for September 24th at 4:00 p.m. at the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge. The Engineer will inform the Board as the details get firmed up.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

JOEL TUORINIEMI, CHAIRMAN

GREGG M. PATRICK, ENGINEER