

## **KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION**

Minutes

August 9, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on August 9, 2012.

Present: Commissioners McEvers, Waananen & Jaaskelainen

Guest: Don Piche, Eric Stier, Gina Nicholas, Jacob Garrow

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 P.M

The minutes of the July 12, 2012 regular meeting were read and approved as read on a motion by Commissioner Jaaskelainen and support from Commissioner Waananen.

Vouchers #28271, #28272 and Master Vendor Vouchers #14-2012 and #15-2012, in the total amount of \$157,788.19 were audited by the Commissioners and the Master Vendor Voucher was signed. Commissioner Jaaskelainen moved to pay the bills. Commissioner Waananen supported the motion. The motion carried

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

The Engineer provided an update to the Board on the ongoing construction and safety projects on Eagle Harbor Road. The paving and guardrail project on the northern end are completed and the safety projects near Owl's Creek and Copper Falls Park are about 70% complete. The Brockway Mountain Drive National Scenic Byways grant project is also 70% complete. The chip seal repairs should be scheduled to begin next week. Work completing small projects for MDOT will continue through the TWA process, with an estimated \$85,000 yet to complete on US41 and M26. Additional funding will be investigated for Brockway Mountain Drive roadway improvements.

The next Great Lakes Council meeting will be held in Baraga on Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Plans were made to attend.

The MERS Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 3 – 5 in Grand Rapids.

The CRASIF Annual Meeting is scheduled for September 5<sup>th</sup>, at Crystal Mountain Resort in Thompsonville in conjunction with the Northern Michigan Association of Road Commissions Annual Meeting, September 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Jaaskelainen motioned to designate the Engineer to act as the voting delegate, with the Assistant Engineer as alternate, for the CRASIF meeting. Commissioner Waananen supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Superintendents Seminar is scheduled for October 3 – 5 in Manistee.

The Engineer and Assistant Engineer/Surveyor inspected the North Coast Shores Road and Harbor Coast Lane in Copper Harbor and have determined that they do meet KCRC's specifications and recommend them for adoption into the County road system upon a formal request by the developer.

The Engineer and Board discussed the Silver Mine Road and the aggregate piles near the end of the road with Mr. Stier of American Forest Management, Inc. (AFM), which manages the forest properties of GMO Threshold, Inc.

The Board went into closed session at 3:05 p.m. on a motion by Commissioner Waananen with support from Commissioner Jaaskelainen per MCL 15.268(a). The Board came out of closed session at 3:18 p.m. on a motion by Commissioner Waananen with support from Commissioner Jaaskelainen.

The Engineer informed the Board that the HKCD Central Stamp Sand project is scheduled to begin next week. Ms. Nicholas, representing HKCD, presented a Notice of Commencement for the Board Chairman to sign. The Board directed the document be reviewed by our attorney prior to signing and requested that both HKCD and MD Contracting sign KCRC's permit and meet the necessary insurance requirements prior to construction. Ms. Nicholas indicated the permit would be completed sometime tomorrow.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

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Mark McEvers, Chairman

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Gregg M. Patrick, Engineer