

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

August 14, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on August 14, 2018.

Present: Commissioners Karvonen, Schaefer & Waananen

Guests: Ken Rowe, Don Piche

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

The meeting was called to order at 2 PM

The minutes of the July 10, 2018 regular meeting were read and approved by a motion by Commissioner Waananen and supported by Commissioner Schaefer. The motion carried.

Vouchers # 28416 and #28417 and Master Vouchers # 14-2018, #15-2018 and #16-2018 in the total amount of \$256,531.12 were audited by the Commissioners and the Master Vendor Voucher was signed. Commissioner Waananen motioned to pay the bills as presented. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried.

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

Old Business:

The Engineer informed the Board that the work with the MDEQ, Michigan Wetland Board TRG/AFM and Keweenaw Community Forest Company is moving forward rapidly and an offer to purchase a private parcel may occur by the end of this week for our initial required wetland preservation credits needed to relocate the Gay-Lac La Belle Road in the shoreline erosion area. Three other locations have been identified for future relocations and will be a part of further wetland purchases.

New Business:

The Finance Director gave the Board an update on the MERS and OPEB plans and required submittals to the Department of Treasury. The additional actuarial requested from MERS have not been received yet to complete the waiver plan. On a motion by Commissioner Waananen with support from Commissioner Schaefer, a special meeting was scheduled on Tuesday, August 28th at 10:00 am to discuss and adopt the MERS and OPEB waiver plans for submittal the Department of Treasury.

The Engineer gave the Board an update on the summer construction projects. The work on the Five Mile Point Road was completed by Bacco Construction Company on August 2nd, as were the millage projects by Payne & Dolan, Inc. The chip seal segments on the Gay-Lac La Belle Road will be completed this week. The remaining CRS-2 will be used on a local preservation project yet to be determined based on the quantity.

The ASMARC/NMARC Joint Annual Meeting is scheduled for September 12th and 13th in Battle Creek, Michigan.

The next Great Lakes Council meeting is scheduled for September 6th in Baraga, Michigan. Plans were made to attend.

The Engineer informed the Board the Keweenaw County Road Commission has been awarded the NFWF grant for the Central Creek Crossing (East Branch of the Eagle River) in Central on Gratiot Lake Road. The award is for \$110,000, with a required \$110,000 match in labor, equipment, materials and funds.

TRG, formerly known as GMO, is interested in transferring ownership of Birchwood Road to the Road Commission. The Board discussed the matter and will consider the acquisition when a full-time dwelling is in place on the road.

The Board discussed moving the September Board meeting from Tuesday, September 11th to Monday, September 10th at 11:00 am at the request of the Engineer. Commissioner Waananen motioned to move the meeting as requested. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm

John Karvonen, Chairman

Gregg Patrick, Engineer