

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

May 13, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on May 13, 2010.

Present: Commissioners Bjorn, McEvers and Muljo

Guest: Ken Rowe, Randy Eckloff, Con Campeau

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

The minutes of the April 8, 2010 regular meeting were read and approved as read on a motion by Commissioner McEvers and support from Commissioner Muljo.

Vouchers #28217, #28218 and Master Vendor Voucher #5-2010 in the total amount of \$201,357.37 were audited by the Commissioners and the Master Vendor Voucher was signed. Commissioner McEvers moved to pay the bills. Commissioner Muljo supported the motion. The motion carried.

The financial statement and budget variance report were read, discussed and approved on a motion by Commissioner McEvers and support from Commissioner Muljo.

Ken Rowe, Road Commission Director of Finance, presented the annual report to the Board and provided a summary of its contents.

Mr. Campeau addressed the Board in regard to a large pile of winter ice control sand built up over the years in Gay at the corner of First and Main Streets. He also stated that the culvert at the beginning of Gay Park Road appeared to be too high to allow for proper drainage. The Engineer informed Mr. Campeau that culvert in question was already scheduled to be lowered when a crew was in the area this year and the stamp sand would be addressed at the same time.

The 2009-2010 winter maintenance costs were presented to the Board. The total winter maintenance cost was \$640,000.00, with costs to complete winter maintenance up slightly in general over last year. This is a reduction of \$206,000.00 from the previous year. This can be attributed to both 100 inches of snowfall less than last year and the hiring of 4 temporary, seasonal truck drivers instead of full time employees. The Board directed the Engineer to reevaluate all winter maintenance options again for next year.

The Engineer informed the Board that the truck purchase with grant assistance was progressing. A meeting was held this past Monday with Ann Young, USDA Rural Development, Julie Carlson, County Clerk, Randy Eckloff, Vice Chair of the County Board of Commissioners, and the Engineer to sign additional papers in the application process. We should know more by next meeting.

The Cliff Mine Site restoration project being pursued by the MDNRE and Houghton Keweenaw Conservation District is still moving through the State Historical Preservation Office review. KCRC has been approached by a group interested in preserving the site and willing to purchase it. The surveyor will schedule time this summer to estimate the amount of mine rock available on the 160 acres site to assist in determining the total value of the site.

The Board reviewed and approved a draft letter to be sent to the Planning Commission regarding the zoning of several road commission parcels.

The U.P. Road Builder's summer meeting will be June 16-17, in Copper Harbor at the Keweenaw County Road Commission. Plans were made to attend.

The MCRCSIP annual meeting is scheduled for July 21-22 in Mt. Pleasant. Commissioner Muljo motioned to designate the Engineer as the voting delegate for Keweenaw County and the Director of Finance designated as the alternate voting delegate. Commissioner McEvers supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer informed the Board the dust control program would be the same as last year. The Foreman anticipated the roads would be prepared in the week and dust oil application would be completed before Memorial Day weekend.

The Board agreed to provide a portable sanitation facility at Great Sand Bay again this year, if Eagle Harbor Township was still interested in pursuing the matter. Eagle Harbor Township would be contacted to determine if they would continue participation.

The Engineer informed the Board that the winter sand haul would take place as soon as possible. Gay stamp sand would be used this year to combine with the remaining material from last year and the stockpile of New Allouez pit sand. This is the most economical solution for this year given the low fuel prices and the amounts of sand remaining the two stockpiles at the shop.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Eric Bjorn, Chairman

Gregg M. Patrick, Engineer