

KCRC Board Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2026

Meeting Time: 2:00 p.m.

Present: Karvonen, Bracco, Olson

Absent:

Staff Present: Greg Kingstrom, Jesse Patrick, Chris Cronenworth

Guests: James Chopp

Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Commissioner Olson and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Bracco motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The regular meeting minutes of June 8th, 2026 were reviewed and approved by a motion of Commissioner Bracco and supported by Commissioner Karvonen. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Voucher #28358 and #28359 and Master Vouchers #13 - 2026 and #14 - 2026 in the total amount of \$350,271.44 were audited by the Commissioners. Commissioner Olson motioned to pay the bills as presented. Supported by Commissioner Karvonen. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Financial Statement was presented and reviewed by the Board.

Opportunity for public comment was provided. James Chopp asked questions regarding the enforcement of the “No Truck Route” on First Street in Ahmeek Location. Discussion followed regarding ordinance, applicable law and enforcement. Road commission and sheriff’s department have already contacted local businesses regarding possible violations.

Written communication from Houghton Township was provided to the Board in Houghton Township Resolution 2026-02 requesting that KCRC place “Yield” and/or “Stop” signs on 2nd Street/Pine Street and Pine Street/Maple Street intersections. Townships concern was primarily the interaction of vehicles and bicycles on these streets. Engineer/Manager informed the Board that there have been zero accidents at any of the locations in the last 10 years per the state database. The basis for changes in traffic control and signage are data driven. Also, there are dozens of similar unsigned intersections in the Keweenaw County in low traffic volume residential areas. A motion was made by Commissioner Bracco that placement of new signage was unnecessary and that the Township may pursue an independent traffic study, at their cost, if they choose. Motion was supported by Commissioner Olson. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Engineer/Manager presented projects & materials procurement requested thru the MDOT 426 or TWA contracting process for various projects on US-41 and M-26. Commissioner Karvonen motioned to authorize the Engineer/Manager to sign necessary documents to facilitate work with MDOT and Contractors. Commissioner Bracco supported the motion. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Engineer/Manager presented the 2026-2031 State Maintenance Contract and the Resolution to accept and sign agreement. Commissioner Olson motioned to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Bracco supported the motion. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Engineer/Manager presented the three design-build proposals received for the proposed facility improvements/repairs. Proposals were received from Moyle Construction, MJO Contracting/U.P. Engineers & Architects and LJJ Construction/OHM Advisors. Commissioner Olson motioned to approve the proposal from Moyle Construction for work items "A1.b" and "A.2" from the schedule of items, at this time. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. Ayes: Olson, Karvonen Abstain: Bracco, Motion carried.

Engineer/Manager presented to the Board a "Petition for Absolute Abandonment" received on July 1st, 2026 from Jay McKenzie for a portion of 2nd Street, adjacent to the Village of Ahmeek Park, southward towards New Allouez. Commissioner Karvonen motioned to schedule a required Public Hearing for September 14th at 2:00 p.m., prior to the regular monthly board meeting. Commissioner Bracco supported the motion. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

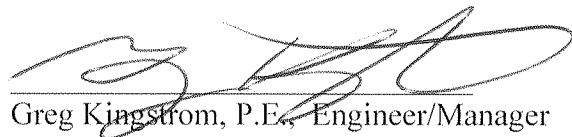
Other

The Engineer/Manager provided a verbal report of current items of general business, operations, paving projects, equipment and ongoing activities. Other items of routine business were discussed.

Opportunity for public comment was again offered. None received.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 p.m. by motion of Commissioner Bracco and supported by Commissioner Karvonen. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion carried.


Richard Olson, Chairman


Greg Kingstrom, P.E., Engineer/Manager