

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

March 15, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on March 15, 2011.

Present: Commissioners McEvers, Muljo and Waananen

Guest: Jon Soper, Don Piche

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M

The minutes of the February 8, 2011 regular meeting were read and approved as read on a motion by Commissioner Muljo and support from Commissioner Waananen.

Vouchers #28237, #28238 and Master Vendor Voucher #6-2011 in the total amount of \$140,960.97 were audited by the Commissioners and the Master Vendor Voucher was signed. Commissioner Muljo 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 Muljo and support from Commissioner Waananen.

Mr. Jon Soper, Chairman, County Planning Commission requested input from the Road Commission concerning the County wide Master Plan. The Road Commission will provide input regarding public transportation, roadside parks and communications.

The audit agreement with the Department of Treasury was reviewed and discussed. Commissioner Muljo motioned to accept and approve the audit agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Commissioner Waananen supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Health Reimbursement Account plan amendment for the new Simply Blue health insurance. Commissioner Waananen motioned to adopt the resolution amending the HRA plan and authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution. Commissioner Muljo supported the motion. The motion carried.

An update on the Gay Sands will be given by GreenSand Corporation within the next few months based on their ongoing activities, future plans and timelines.

The issues discussed at the CRAM Annual Meeting held in Lansing last week, including the positions of the legislature and governor on the introduction of bills addressing an increase in the fuel tax to provide an increase in funding for Michigan's failing road system.

The Engineer updated the Board on equipment issues. The KCRC #151, Caterpillar Motor Grader 163H, has been at Fabco-Marquette for repairs to the rear differential and final drive. The current estimate to repair the damage is around \$41,600 with the transmission yet to be checked out. A used crack sealer has been found and will be demonstrated at KCRC within the next 2 – 4 weeks, with a price around \$24,000.00. The Engineer also presented a plan to evaluate the purchase of 3 pup trailers for pulling behind the three newest tandems to increase hauling efficiency for all materials used by the Road Commission.

The Board discussed the request by the organizers of the Fat Tire Festival mountain bike race held on Labor Day Weekend each year to use the east 2 miles of Brockway Mountain Drive as a part of their race course, to be closed around 30 minutes. The Board approved the request. The Engineer will have them obtain a right-of-way use permit and have us named as an additional insured on their certificate of insurance.

The Engineer informed the Board of the annual C.R.A.S.I.F. safety seminar in Baraga, Wednesday May 4th. Plans were made for the safety committee to attend.

The Board discussed the Road Commissioners' Seminar in Traverse City, April 17th – 19th. Plans were made to attend.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Mark McEvers, Chairman

Gregg M. Patrick, Engineer