

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

April 9, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on April 9, 2019.

Present: Commissioners Waananen, Schaefer & Olson

Guests: Don Piche, Don Kauppi, Mike McMahon, Gina Nicholas, Jim Vivian, Graham Jaenig

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm

The minutes of the March 7, 2019 regular meeting were read and approved by a motion by Commissioner Olson and supported by Commissioner Schaefer. The motion carried.

Vouchers # 28433 and # 28434 and Master Vouchers # 7-2019, # 8-2019 in the total amount of \$238,529.45 were audited by the Commissioners and the Master Vendor Voucher was signed. Commissioner Olson 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 Olson and supported by Commissioner Schaefer. The motion carried.

Old Business:

Mike McMahon, Keweenaw ATV Club, inquired about the potential use of ATV's on Brockway Mountain Drive. The Board's position was that the Club needed to first address the access with MDOT for the use of M-26, which it is currently illegal for ATV's to operate on and secondly, have the County Board and Prosecuting attorney review the county ATV ordinance and applicable state laws for compliance issues.

The Engineer provided updates on the Gay Sands issues.

The Engineer's testimony for the House Transportation Committee in support of House Bill 4120, the bill introduced by Representative Markkanen to lengthen road commission's installment loan periods from 15 years to 30 years.

Gina Nicholas, Keweenaw Community Forest Company, presented the agreements for the Chairman to sign for the MDEQ Conservation Easement and endowment fund set up by the Keweenaw Community Foundation for long term maintenance of the 80 acre parcel purchased through the Michigan Wetland Bank grant. Commissioner Olson moved to authorize the Chairman to sign both documents on behalf of the Road Commission. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried

The Board also discussed and reviewed other potential properties for additional wetland banking in Keweenaw County for future projects. Commissioner Schaefer motioned to apply to the Michigan Wetland Board for a \$430,000 grant to identify and perhaps purchase additional wetland banking properties in Keweenaw County. Commissioner Olson supported the motion. The motion carried.

New Business:

The Engineer informed the Board that the MDOT/Local Agency Pavement Marking Pilot Project was bid last Friday, with only P.K. Contracting, Inc. bidding on the project. The bid tabulations should be available in the next week or two for review and approval to go forward with the project. Commissioner Schaefer motioned to adopt a resolution authorizing the Chairman to sign the MDOT pavement marking contracts for submittal upon the Engineer's review and approval of the contract prices. Commissioner Olson supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer informed the Board that Susan Sanford, C.P.A will complete the 2018 Act 51 annual financial report and the audit report the week of April 15th. A final version will be available in the next two weeks for the Chairman to sign and submit to the State. The Finance Director will present the 2018 Act 51 report and audit report to the Board at the May meeting. Commissioner Schaefer motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the cover sheet of the Act 51 report. Commissioner Olson supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer informed the Board that the plan filing cabinet and flat files have been reorganized and several items were found that are of no use to the Road Commission but may of interest to the Historical Society, National Park Service or MTU archives. After further review of the items, the Engineer will set up a meeting with these organizations to review the items

The Engineer informed the Board that the Gratiot River Bridge on Cliff Drive has moved from fair condition to poor condition based on last fall's inspection, but a weight reduction may not be needed at this point. An inspection and review of the structure and possible alternatives will be completed this spring and summer.

The Great Lakes Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 2nd, in Baraga. Plans were made to attend

Other items of routine business were discussed

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm

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RESOLUTION

At the April 9, 2019 meeting of the Keweenaw County Board of Road Commissioners, Commissioner Schaefer moved to adopt the following resolution with support from Commissioner Olson. The motion was carried.

WHEREAS, The Michigan Department of Transportation will be offering the following project which consists of:

Contract	18-5567
Job. No.	203026CON
Control Section	HSIP 21000
Fed. Project #	1900564

Longitudinal pavement marking installation work along various Keweenaw County routes; together with necessary related work, located within Keweenaw County, Michigan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Road Commissioners of Keweenaw County enter into said contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation and authorize the Chairman to sign the Contract on behalf of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Keweenaw County, Michigan.

Adopted: Yeas: Schaefer
 Olson
 Waananen

Nays: None

Dated: April 9, 2019



Ken Rowe, Clerk
KCRC Board of Co. Road Commissioners