

January 25, 2024
Baldwin, Michigan 49304

Regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Lake was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Commissioner Haslock.

Present - Richard Haslock, *LCRC Commissioner*
Gary Truxton, *LCRC Commissioner*
Joan Runnels, *LCRC Commissioner*
William VanDyke, *Finance & HR Manager*
Leroy Williams, *Manager*
Shawn MacDougall, *Road Foreman*
Al Dailey, *Road Foreman*
David Leusby, *Shop Foreman*
Austin MacDougall, *Assistant*
Dennis Robinson, *Engineer Tech*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Runnels to approve the January 11, 2024, regular meeting minutes. Supported by Truxton. Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0. Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

Motion made by Haslock to approve the January 11, 2024, closed session minutes. Supported by Truxton. Yeas - Haslock, Truxton. Nays - Runnels. Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

APPROVAL OF PAYABLES:

Motion made by Truxton to approve:

Accounts Payable Voucher # 5228,	\$139,605.71
Payroll Voucher	# 5227, \$81,668.67
FSA Voucher	# 5229, \$668.16

Supported by Haslock. Yeas - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0. Motion carried. Roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Shawn Coffey updated the board on his post-surgical rehabilitation.

REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:

FINANCE & HR MANAGER:

Paul Bunyan Council meeting is February 15, 2024, 9:00 a.m. at Evergreen Resort in Cadillac.

Keeping busy with setting up project numbers for tracking 2024 work.

Including Austin MacDougall in more tasks to cross train so he has more involvement and knowledge.

Damages to the salt shed by the salt delivery company are repaired and an invoice of repair costs will be sent as they have agreed to pay for repairs.

MANAGER:

Habitat for Humanity has asked if the road commission could help with some maintenance on their driveway. This has been done in the past as a community benefit.

Williams presented a ballot for election of a CRA (County Road Association) representative.

Williams signed the contract with Prein and Newhoff for consultant engineering after clarifying some additional costs that needed to be removed.

Bill Henn of Henn Lesperance PLC has notified Williams that the Cadeaux vs. Lake County Road Commission suit has been dropped.

Gayle Cummings of MCRCSIP has provided new information on upcoming legislation to require motorists to stay back 200' behind snowplow trucks.

Williams reviewed an updated price schedule from Michigan Paving Materials.

In a review of the ORV Damage Fund Balance, errors from past years have been corrected leaving the fund with a negative balance. The next ORV meeting is February 1, 2024.

Nate Winkler of CRA (Conservation Resource Alliance) has stated that because some of their funding is from federal sources, we will need to bid design engineering work for the stream crossing culvert projects that they are participating in.

Williams informed the board that the labor contract and work rules will need to be enforced more stringently due to some ongoing housekeeping and efficiency issues.

ROAD FOREMAN:

MACDOUGALL -

Has crews blading and treating roads to combat slippery conditions. With the recent weather warming trend, blacktop roads have been restored to bare pavement. Tree cutting may resume if weather conditions allow.

DAILEY -

Part-time workers have been using pickup plows to push back snow in turnarounds and narrow intersections.

Pleasant Plains and Sauble Townships still need to get their brine agreements in for 2024.

Setting up map books of the plow routes to keep a set in all plow trucks to aid newer drivers in helping with other areas as they finish their own.

LEUSBY -

The new blade truck used for the state trunkline is back to the dealer for warranty work on a defective radiator.

Leusby has started replacing blade truck headlights with newer LED models as the need arises.

ROBINSON -

Attending training webinars and preparing for the annual submittal of certified maps for MDOT.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion on the need to act on EGLE's demand to remediate erosion of Velt Ave. in the Chain-O-Lakes # 1 platted subdivision to avoid fines of \$5,000.00 per day. Legal counsel advises recuperating the costs of remediation from Joan Runnels and Robert Snedeker, the property owners responsible for the disturbance of the road as they attempted to improve the road without obtaining any permits.

Motion made by Truxton to follow legal counsel's recommendation of remediating the erosion of Velt Ave. in the Chain-O-Lakes # 1 platted subdivision and recuperating costs from Joan Runnels and Robert Snedeker, the property owners responsible for the disturbance of the road as they attempted to improve the road without obtaining any permits. Supported by Haslock.

Yea - Haslock, Truxton. Nays - Runnels. Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bruce Reed requests a closed session.

Motion made by Truxton to enter closed session at 9:11 a.m. to discuss personnel evaluation pursuant to MCL 15.268 1a. Supported by Haslock.

Yea - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0. Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

Motion made by Truxton to re-open the meeting at 9:24 a.m.

Supported by Runnels.

Yea - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0. Motion carried. Roll Call vote.

COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGE:

Haslock - Glad to see the dogsled races happening and many snowmobilers in the county supporting local businesses.

Truxton - The Lake County Parks Commission has received the large rock to be used as a monument at the new ORV Training Park.

Runnels - Has received positive feedback from residents for the snowplowing efforts over the weekend snowstorm event. Also pleased to see all the snowmobilers in the area.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

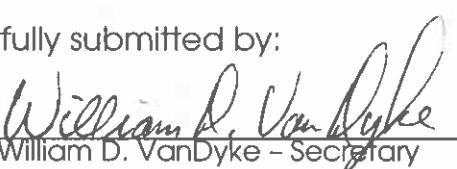
Shawn Coffey offered some of his own observations to reiterate the importance of addressing the ongoing housekeeping and efficiency issues.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Truxton. Supported by Runnels.
Yea - Haslock, Truxton, Runnels. Nays - 0.
Motion carried 10:44 a.m. Roll Call vote.

Next Meeting Date: February 8, 2024, Time: 9:00 a.m.

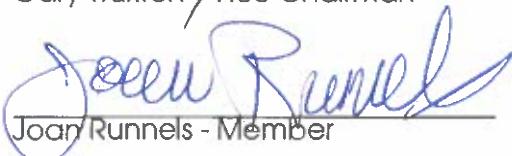
Respectfully submitted by:


William D. VanDyke - Secretary

Approved by:


Richard J. Haslock, Chairman


Gary Truxton, Vice Chairman


Joan Runnels - Member