

July 13, 2023  
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*  
Al Dailey, *Finance Assistant*  
David Leusby, *Shop Foreman*  
Dennis Robinson, *Engineer Tech*

Absent           Shawn MacDougall, *Road Foreman*  
                  Tom Smith, *Road Foreman*

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Runnels to approve the June 22, 2023, regular meeting minutes. Supported by Truxton. Yeas - Haslock, Runnels, Truxton. Nays - 0. Motion carried.

#### **APPROVAL OF PAYABLES:**

Motion made by Runnels to approve the Accounts Payable Voucher # 5186 for \$231,067.25, Payroll Voucher # 5185 for \$87,940.63, and FSA Voucher # 5187 for \$1,204.90. Supported by Truxton. Yeas - Runnels, Haslock, Truxton. Nays - 0. Motion carried. Roll call vote.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mike Johnson presented his concerns about road maintenance around Lakola Rd, Old M63, & Raymond Rd.

Lydia Rives presented her concerns of the same including the curves around Howe Lake.

Evan Vanderhoof presented his concerns about road conditions around 9-mile Rd. and Saddler Rd.

Amanda Bailor presented concerns about lack of mowing road shoulders, lack of funding for local roads improvement, and her frustration with media coverage of past board meetings.

Connie Holmes invited the board to attend the Village of Luther's August 8 meeting to discuss road funding solutions.

Allen Dean presented his concerns of primary road conditions in the Luther area and snowplow routes.

#### **REPORTS FROM MANAGEMENT:**

##### **FINANCE & HR MANAGER:**

Protecting MI Pension Grant Program Application is in the review stage.

MDOT audit adjustment for FY 2021 is closing out with a refund of \$131,151.03.

Training with Heather Braginton is progressing well.

Financing of crusher closed out lower than expected with an interest rate of 5.25% offering considerable savings.

##### **MANAGER:**

32<sup>nd</sup> St test area between Peacock Trail and Jenks Rd is complete. Performance comparisons of mineral well brine, Dow brine, and Permazyme soil stabilizer will be monitored.

Arrangements for Mine Safety Training are being made in preparation for running the crusher.

MCRCSIP safety refund is \$9,500.00 for this year.

A proposal for erecting a cell phone tower in the Nyland pit will likely not happen as another location at the Lake Township Hall is being considered.

Updated board on Rules pertaining to the handling of roadkill.

Loaning of certain items for community events is becoming a problem due to items being damaged. May have to implement a security deposit policy.

Discussed a proposal from USFS to enter into an agreement for clearing right of way on forestry roads to establish fire breaks.

ROAD FOREMAN:



MACDOUGALL - Absent

SMITH - Absent

LEUSBY -

Sending mechanics to pickup spare parts for crusher. Some replacement of wear items and a thorough cleaning of crusher is in progress while mine safety training is being scheduled.

ROBINSON -

Marking out road projects. Things are going well.

**OLD BUSINESS:**



**NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion on chip sealing as this year's season has started and is running very smoothly with the new practice of hauling emulsion with our own truck and driver.

Discussion on concerns presented during public comment.

**COMMISSIONERS PRIVILEGE:**

Haslock -

Truxton -

Runnels -

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn made by Runnels. Supported by Truxton. Yeas - Haslock, Runnels, Truxton. Nays - 0. Motion carried 11:00 am

Next Meeting Date: July 27, 2023 Time: 9:00 am

Respectfully submitted by:

fully submitted by:  
William D. VanDyke  
William D. VanDyke - Secretary

Approved by:

ved by:  
  
Richard J. Haslock - Chairman

Gary Tuxton  
Gary Tuxton - Vice Chairman

  
Joan Runnels - Member