

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on August 31, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at the Midland County Road Commission office.

Present: Mike Atton, Chair
Jim Hyatt, Vice Chair
Rod Kloha, Member
Jon Myers, Managing Director
Russ Inman, Design Engineer
Donna Lowe, Finance Director
Ashley Hiles, GIS Technician
Art Buck, Superintendent
Ben Mead, Facilities Manager
Jeff Brown, Construction Technician

Absent:

Public Present: Laura Dawson, Lee Township; Dan Mieske, Hope Township; Robert Kelley.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said

Additions to Agenda:

None

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2022 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Open Accounts:

The pre-pay for August 31, 2022 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Kloha to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for August 31, 2022, in the amount of \$1,429,116.66.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

None

Permit listing was reviewed

Unfinished Business:

The NMARC 2023 Board Election was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to vote for all three nominated Trustees to a 2 year terms to the CRA Board.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

The ballot for the 2022 CRASIF Board of Trustee candidates was discussed.

Moved By Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to vote for Deb Kestner, Bobbie Livermore and Michael Scott for the CRASIF Board of Trustees.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

New Business:

Russ discussed the Petition to Abandon South Eighth Line Road in Edenville Township. He stated that the Water District and Edenville Township Officials have good plans for the property that will benefit the community. MCL 224.18 states that the Commission can grant or deny the petition without a hearing. Russ distributed his Abandonment Advisability Evaluation and recommended abandonment without a hearing for the best interest of the public.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Kloha, to adopt a resolution to absolutely abandon and discontinue South 1/8th Line Road between Water Road and M-30 in Edenville Township, to reserve an easement for public utility purposes, and to delete this segment of roadway from the County Road System certification.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Ben reviewed the plans for the Brine Tank purchase from Burch Tank & Truck, Inc. Burch has offered to build a duplicate Brine Tank for the Midland County Road Commission off of the bid price for Gratiot County Road Commission, with the build taking place in December. Ben stated that if we did not use the Gratiot County bids and had it re-bid, the price would go up significantly. Gratiot County had used standard bid practices and chosen the lowest bid at the time, and he recommended that the Board approve the purchase using Gratiot County's bid price.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Hyatt to approve the purchase of a Brine Tanker from Burch Tank and Truck, Inc. using the bid price from the Gratiot County build.

Moved by Commissioner Kloha and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt, to purchase the brine tank from Burch Tank & Truck, Inc. based on the bid provided to Gratiot County.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton, Kloha

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Jon discussed the MDOT Contract for the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) through the Rural Task Force. It was an opportunity that was provided to Road Commissions to make up for the loss of MTF funds in 2020 due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. He stated that the contract had been signed and he would be submitting the paperwork for reimbursement. The funds were being used for Facilities projects that needed to be done, including the recently completed parking lot project. The information on the contract was informational only, as a board resolution was not necessary for the funds.

Misc:

The Meridian over Prairie Creek culvert bid results were discussed. Approval to accept bids had been granted at a prior meeting, so the board was just made aware that the bid was awarded to Cadillac Culvert, which was the lowest bid, and delivery is scheduled for September 19, 2022.

Staff Reports:

Ben reported that there were preparations being made for the salt barn repair.

He also gave an update on the Harley rake that was being used to solve issues with country curbs around the county. He stated that for the amount of money spent on this equipment, the results had been very good.

Ben also stated that the Road Grader delivery had been moved out to October.

Art updated the board on the salt barn repairs. Our crew is doing the repair work with help from the MDOT Bridge Crew.

He reported that union negotiations were almost complete. The membership had ratified the contract and it had been sent to the union attorneys for review. He was hopeful that it would be completed soon.

Interviews for the crew position that would be open at the end of the year were completed. Art stated he had made an offer of employment to an individual that had accepted, but their start date was pending contract completion.

Art also gave updates on bridge construction and paving projects. The Grey Road bridge is nearing completion and county wide paving is continuing.

Jon complemented everyone who had worked to put the East Central Council meeting together. It went well and everyone seemed to enjoy having it out at the Chippewa Nature Center.

He also complemented Russ and Ashley on the display at the Midland County Fair. It was well received by the public and the kids coloring contest was fun.

Jon stated that he had been to the Larkin Township Board meeting to discuss the right of way purchase for the roundabout. It has been ongoing for a while and there was a last ditch effort to reach an agreement before beginning condemnation, but that effort was unsuccessful.

Jon also reported that he would be attending a MATS meeting in the afternoon and a MCTOA meeting in Larkin Township on Thursday.

He gave project updates including the 11 Mile Rd project being bid soon, with work to start in October. The RTF Rural Paving project has been held up by MDOT but is set for bid letting this winter. The meetings for the Bailey Bridge project are continuing to review that grant funding and planning.

Russ also complemented Ashley for the work she had done on the Road Commission fair display. He felt like it was well received and it was good publicity for the Commission.

Russ also stated that the engineering interns' time was ending and he was sorry to see them go. He doesn't believe either of them will be returning next year but his hope is that he can find other interns that work as well as they had.

Jeff discussed the Grey Road Bridge project, which would be ready to pave by the end of the week. He stated that he has been helping out with surveying for other local projects as well.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:43 a.m. until Tuesday, September 13, 2022.

Donna Lowe, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chair