

## REGULAR MEETING

July 27, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners for the County of Isabella was held at the main office at 2261 E. Remus Road. Members present were Beltinck, Busch, Hauck, Livermore, and Turnwald on July 27, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Motion by Hauck, seconded by Livermore to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Beltinck, seconded by Hauck to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on July 13, 2023 as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Livermore, seconded by Beltinck to ask the Chairman to call for a roll call vote to approve the 1 Vouchers issued in the amount of \$308,587.75 and 1 Payroll Register issued in the amount of \$88,532.30 and the County Treasurer is authorized to transfer funds for same. Commissioner Busch, Yes; Beltinck, Yes; Livermore, Yes; Hauck, Yes; and Turnwald, Yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence: N/A

Public comment: The Isabella County Drain Commissioner attended the meeting to see if Isabella County Road Commission wanted to go forward with the Duncan Drain project on Crawford Road. The ICRC Manager asked the Isabella County Drain Commissioner if he had talked with the Vernon Township Manager about the estimated all in of \$60,000 for each site. The Isabella County Drain Commissioner said he had not. Commissioner Turnwald asked the Isabella County Drain Commissioner how much maintenance could be spent per mile and how many miles was on that road. The Drain Commissioner said that he can do \$5,000 per mile per drain per year and that drain is a big one (He was estimating 12-15 miles). The Drain Commissioner said he would look to see if that drain had any residual money left that could be applied to this project. Commissioner Turnwald suggested that ICRC, the Drain Commission, and Vernon Township all have a meeting to figure out the funding and the next step to be taken. Ed Becker, resident of Gilmore Township, asked when/if Winn Road between Rosebush and Vernon was going to get paved. He questioned why Nottawa Road got paved over Winn Road. He said that Winn Road gets a lot more traffic than Nottawa Road. The ICRC Manager explained that Nottawa Road was part of the direct route of the wind turbines, and we received 4.2 million dollars to fix roads that were damaged from the direct routes (Nottawa being one of them). The Manager also explained that after ICRC has fixed all the roads that money was awarded for, if there is any money leftover that money would be applied to other roads such as Winn Road. He explained this would not happen until the year 2024 or 2025. Ed also asked if there were any plans for paving Littlefield Road and Gilmore Road (from Coleman to Grass Lake Road). The Manager explained that ICRC is currently not paving any gravel roads because they need to concentrate on fixing the paved roads that need repair. Ed said that the limestone road the last couple of years has been well maintained but he just was hoping there were plans on paving it. The Project Manager said that Littlefield is on the township's radar also, they have asked a couple of years for quotes. This will not be a cheap fix because it is going to be a gravel, grind and pave. One of the major problems is the road runs through the swamp so it could be very costly. Gean Sheldon, resident of Gilmore Township, said the ditch by 4999 West Grass Lake Road needs to be cleaned out. The ditch washes out on both sides. The Manager said that someone from the road commission would be out to look at it. Kathy Vanderbilt, resident from Chippewa Township, was asking about an update on E. Deerfield Road. The Manager explained that soil borings have been done and now it was a matter of producing funding for paving the road. He informed Kathy that Deerfield had money left over from the Spring and Fall 2% that was not used on Shepherd Road. It is Chippewa's responsibility to write a letter to the tribe asking to use

this money on another project. The Manager advised Kathy to call the township and ask if they intend to use the money towards Deerfield Road. It would sure help the project out.

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

Motion by Hauck, seconded by Busch to authorize the Finance Director to be appointed Officer Delegate and the Manager to be appointed as Alternate Office Delegate for the 2023 MERS Annual Meeting held Thursday September 28, 2023 through Friday September 29, 2023. Also, to allow the one Union Employee who the Union agrees with to go to the meeting. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Busch, seconded by Beltinck to vote for the 3 listed candidates for the two 3-year at large candidate and one 3-year term from the Upper Peninsula region for the 2023 CRASIF Board of Trustee. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Finance Director reviewed the bi-weekly financial report for the period ending July 20, 2023. The Finance Director informed the Commissioners that she will start billing next week for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Application of Brine. The Finance Director, Manager, and Chairman attended the MCRCSIP board meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. She said she had also attended the Northern Finance and Clerk meeting on July 25<sup>th</sup>. The Northern Finance meeting covered the CDL LAWS & UPDATES and how to become our own trainers for our employees.

The Drainage Forman was absent.

The Project Manager gave the following report:

7/13/2023	Paved Kelly Drive in Deerfield Twp.
7/17/2023	Hauled gravel on Loomis Rd. to grind it
7/18/2023	Pulverized Loomis Road. Denver to Vernon
7/19 - 7/20	Paved Nottawa Road. Denver to Vernon and then to Weidman to Rosebush
7/24/2023	Paved Loomis Road – Denver to Vernon

The Shop Forman gave the following report:

- 1) The new truck (International HX 520) is at West Michigan International, hopefully be delivered Thursday.
- 2) IT coupler is here from Michigan Cat. We are installing it on the 938K loader.
- 3) Shipment of 7' grader blades came in last week.

The Manager gave an update on the current 2023 Road Projects. The Manager explained that there was an issue in receiving the poles needed to install the Pickard and Bamber Light. The Manager informed the Commissioners that the MCRCSIP board approved a 3-million-dollar premium refund across the board. The portion that ICRC received was \$48,955.

Committee Reports: Commissioner Busch said that the Isabella Parks and Recreation Board has hired a new Parks Director (Alexis Hansen).

Motion by Busch, seconded by Beltinck to adjourn the meeting at 5:16 p.m. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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Board Secretary

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Chairman

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Vice-Chairman

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