

## OGEMAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

### MEETING MINUTES OF

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Ogemaw County, Michigan, was held at its office 1250 S M-33 West Branch, Michigan, and was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Chairman Dan Winter, Commissioner Van Sheltroun, Commissioner Klint Marshall

Staff Present: Managing Director Pat Reinke, Board Clerk Brandy Curtis, State/Construction Foreman Bill Sperow, County Foreman Kurt Trout

In Attendance: Rose Township Resident Gary Lyp, Klacking Resident Patricia Arnold, Mills Township Resident Jim Allen, Local Union #15528 President Brent Gilbert, Local Union #15528 Member Luke Wilkins, OCRC Retiree Russell Hilts

Additions to the Agenda:

Drag Quotes

Communication with EGLE

Recent Accident

MERS 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Report

OPEB Actuarial

Motion Marshall, supported by Sheltroun, to approve additions to agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Past minutes on October 25, 2023, were reviewed. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes stand as submitted.

Approval of Payroll and Payable Accounts:

Motion by Marshall, supported by Sheltroun, to approve and pay payroll voucher #2404 and payable voucher #2405 for \$391,824.98. Roll call vote: Ayes: Sheltroun, Marshall, Winter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Rose Township resident, Gary Lyp, approached the Board to thank the Road Commission for extending the private road maintenance agreement with Rose Township for the maintenance of Ogemaw Road.

Klacking Township resident, Patricia Arnold, approached the Board to thank the Road Commission for the maintenance recently provided on Stoney Ridge Road.

Local Union #15528 President, Brent Gilbert, approached the Board asking for a special exemption from the collective bargaining agreement for Luke Wilkins who will be retiring at 45 years old. Luke Wilkins would like to receive single subscriber health insurance from 55 to 65 years old, Luke intends to retire at age 45. The union contract communicates that the Road Commission shall provide single-subscription coverage only for employees who retire from the Road Commission at age 55 or older with at least 25 years of service. Reinke informed the Board that any action would be considered bargaining outside the collective bargaining agreement. The union members were aware of the bargaining protocols and asked the Board to consider Luke's proposal. Consensus of the Board was to request the Manager to contact legal counsel for guidance and report back to the Board.

Local Union #15528 President, Brent Gilbert, approached the Board regarding the letter various employees received from IDX. Reinke answered questions of the Board.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

One bid was received for the Brusher/Mower from Burnip Equipment. Motion by Sheltroun, supported by Marshall, to

approve the bid received from Burnip Equipment at \$262,078.30 for the Brusher/Mower. Roll call vote: Ayes Marshall, Winter, Sheltroun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Curtis provided the Board with OCRC's current Anti-Drug and Alcohol Misuse Program and MCRC SIP's proposed Drug-Free Workplace Policy. Curtis will provide updated policies to the Board for review.

A discussion was held on Road Commission and State weighmaster duties and restrictions. The Board requested Reinke to contact the Ogemaw County Administrator and see if Sheriff's Department would be willing to take on the weighmaster duties versus the Road Commission. Reinke will follow up.

Curtis reviewed the proposed Ogemaw Road-Rose Township Private Road Maintenance Agreement with the Board. Motion by Marshall, supported by Sheltroun, to approve the language in the private road maintenance agreement between the Ogemaw County Road Commission and Rose Township for Ogemaw Road as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Winter, Marshall, Sheltroun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Marshall, supported by Sheltroun, to approve a private road upgrade agreement and private road maintenance agreement for North Chippewa and West Chippewa of North Chippewa in Silver Creek No. 5 Subdivision with Mills Township. Roll call vote: Ayes: Sheltroun, Marshall, Winter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the structure located on Maple Street, a private road with a maintenance agreement in Hill Township. The Board requested the Manager to obtain inspection reports for the structure. Reinke will follow up.

A discussion was held on the private road maintenance agreement cost allocation calculation. Curtis reviewed the per mile breakdown. Motion by Marshall, supported by Sheltroun, to remove local seasonal roads from the per mile allocation for the private road maintenance yearly billing beginning with fiscal year end 2023. Roll call vote: Ayes: Marshall, Sheltroun, Winter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board agreed to give a ham at Christmas as has been past practice.

Reinke reviewed the drag-underbody scraper quotes received from Truck and Trailer, Heights Machinery, and Schultz Equipment. Motion by Marshall, supported by Sheltroun, to approve the bid received from Heights Machinery for \$16,753 as recommended by staff. Roll call vote: Ayes: Winter, Sheltroun, Marshall. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Reinke informed the Board that Megan Berry, with EGLE, contacted the Road Commission with clean-up and security recommendations for the pit area on Fairview Road.

Reinke updated the Board on the recent accident involving truck 212.

Information:

The next MTA Chapter Meeting is scheduled for November 28th, at 6:30 pm. at the West Branch Township Hall.

Curtis reviewed MER 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Statement of Fiduciary Net Position with the Board.

Curtis reviewed the 2023 OPEB actuarial. The Road Commission's funding level increased 63.62% from 26.30% in 2022 to 43.03% in 2023.

Public Comment:

Ogemaw County Road Commission retiree, Russell Hilts, approached the Board regarding the letter various employees received from IDX. Reinke answered questions of the Board.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board of Road Commissioners, Ogemaw County, Chairman Winter adjourned the meeting at 11:00a.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dan Winter, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brandy Curtis, Board Clerk