

SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
332N EAST ROAD, MANISTIQUE, MI 49854  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
July 26, 2022 - 7:00 a.m.

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1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes
6. Public Comment
7. Unfinished Business:
  - A. Policy A6.00 Policy for Removing a Road from Seasonal Designation
8. New Business:
  - A. Vouchers 22-43
  - B. June Financial Statements
  - C. CRASIF Ballot
  - D. Approval for Sealed Bid Ad (Yokohama Tires)
9. Manager's Report
10. Engineer's Report
11. Department Heads
12. Meeting Notices
  - A. Straits Area Council Meeting August 2, 2022, Mackinaw City
13. Public Comment
14. Adjournment

**1. Call Meeting to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman T. Klarich at 7:00 A.M.

**2. Roll Call Information:** The roll was called for the Commissioners.

**Present:** Thomas Klarich  
Randy Lund  
Keith Rochefort  
Dale DuFour  
Robin LaCroix

**Absent:** None

**Also in Attendance:** Jean Vanderville, Managing Director; Tanya Hoar, Finance Director; Ian Stampfly, Engineer; Ann Peterson, Payroll/HR Coordinator; Kim Rochefort, Road Foreman, Roger Martin, Shop Foreman, Gilbert Baker, Kathleen Kalata, John Kalata.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance:** The pledge was recited.**3. Approval of Agenda:**

**It was moved** by Commissioner D. DuFour, seconded by Commissioner K. Rochefort, to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Five  
Nays: None

***Motion Carried***

**5. Approval of Minutes:****A. Regular Session July 13, 2022**

**It was moved** by Commissioner K. Rochefort, seconded by Commissioner D. DuFour, to approve the minutes of the Regular Session meeting held on July 13, 2022.

Ayes: Five  
Nays: None

***Motion Carried***

**6. Public Comment:** John and Kathleen Kalata were present to inquire about the winter plowing status on North Murphy Lake Road, as their request for plowing was denied. This is a private road that the county was contracted to plow in the winter in the past. However, with the road commission's larger equipment now, that road has been difficult to plow, as it is narrow with no turnaround and a hill to the intersection that must be backed down if

there is any traffic coming. Plows have become stuck there several times and have been damaged getting them out according to Road Foreman Kim Rochefort, and resources and personnel have had to be pulled from the county roads to assist.

Managing Director Vanderville explained that as a private road it is evaluated each year for plowing. There are several improvements that would have to be made for the road to be approved. J. Vanderville will provide a list of needed improvements to these residents so they can research potentially fixing the problems. However, she highly recommended contracting Gerou Excavating out of Munising, which would be a better and less expensive option for residents on that road, as well as being very reliable and timely for them. Customers of Gerou's from Ostrander Lake would likely provide references.

## **7. Unfinished Business:**

**A. Policy A6.00 Policy for Removing a Road from Seasonal Designation:** There were no updates to this policy. It remains tabled.

## **8. New Business:**

### **A. Vouchers 22-43:**

**It was moved** by Commissioner R. LaCroix, seconded by Commissioner R. Lund, to approve voucher 22-43 as presented.

#### **Roll Call:**

LaCroix – Yes

Lund - Yes

Rochefort – Yes

DuFour – Yes

Klarich – Yes

#### ***Motion Carried***

**B. June Financial Statements:** T. Hoar provided an overview of the June Financial Statements.

**It was moved** by Commissioner D. DuFour, seconded by Commissioner R. LaCroix, to approve the June Financial Statements as presented.

#### **Roll Call:**

DuFour - Yes

LaCroix – Yes

Rochefort – Yes

Lund - Yes

Klarich – Yes

#### ***Motion Carried***

- C. CRASIF Ballot:** J. Vanderville provided the ballot for the upcoming CRASIF Board of Trustees, listing three incumbents, John Hunt, Deb Kestner and Michael Scott, and one contender, Bobbie Livermore.

**It was moved** by Commissioner R. LaCroix, seconded by Commissioner T. Klarich, to vote for the three incumbents listed above on the ballot.

**Roll Call:**

LaCroix – Yes

Klarich – Yes

DuFour - Yes

Lund - Yes

Rocheftort – No

***Motion Carried***

- D. Approval for Sealed Bid Ad (Yokohama Tires):** J. Vanderville presented a request for sale by sealed bid of three Yokohama RB31 Radial Tires from the loader. Advertisements for sealed bids will be local only, opening today and due by Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. The award for purchase of the tires will be made at the next board meeting to be held on Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>.

**It was moved** by Commissioner T. Klarich, seconded by Commissioner D. DuFour, to approve the sealed bid as outlined above.

Ayes: Five

Nays: None

***Motion Carried***

**9. Manager's Report:**

**Township Meetings:** J. Vanderville attended Mueller, Doyle and Inwood. She advised Inwood that work on Cemetery Road has begun. She advised Doyle that we did not complete the dust control by the date originally specified due to a breakdown of equipment, but they were pleased with the progress and accepted the new completion date as acceptable. There was one issue regarding shoulders on Laporte Road in Mueller Township. She passed the information onto Seney Road Foreman James Johnson.

**FY22-23 Salt Pricing:** We received our early and backup salt prices for FY 22-23. Early fill \$67.88; backup \$70.80. Last year's price was early \$63.14; backup \$67.80. This year's contract is with Compass Minerals for both.

**Negotiating Committee Meeting:** J. Vanderville attended the negotiating committee meeting via teleconference because she opted not to attend the MCRCSIP Annual. The committee is looking for a follow-up from our council on their interest in a copy of the recorded MDOT

training sessions. The subcommittee is still working on a chemical storage facility option moving forward. The committee is also working on bridging the communication gap between county road agencies and OCA.

**Court of Appeals Decision:** MCRCSIP is proud to report that the State of Michigan Court of Appeals has resolved in favor of the MI County Road Commission Self-Insurance Pool. Gayle sent out an email with a special thank you to the Pool's legal team, Adam Tountas, John Bruschi, Bill Henn, Andrea Nester, and Jonathan Koch. A copy of the opinion was included in the board packet. A copy of the decision was included for review.

**Ian Stampfly's Contract:** J. Vanderville and I. Stampfly have discussed, and I. Stampfly is willing to extend his existing contract so that it aligns with the CBA and the Manager contracts. This would allow the commission to handle negotiations at one time rather than several times throughout the year. If the commission agrees, J. Vanderville will provide I. Stampfly with written notice of the Commission's intent to negotiate a new contract contingent upon mutual agreement of contract terms as of April 1, 2023. The commissioners provided their consensus. A portion of the contract was included for review.

**Update on New Pickups:** ½ ton pickups are being produced now and they expect the ¾ ton pickups to be in production in the next week or so. There was no timeframe available from production to delivery.

**Damaged Windshield:** There was damage to a windshield during a maintenance project on State Highway M-149. SCRC assisted the claimant with a claim against MCRCSIP, but it was denied because we were working under contract for MDOT. Details were sent to MDOT, who denied the claim also based on GTLA. The claimant is upset and has indicated further suit against MDOT. MDOT is aware and will be handling any further proceedings.

**Complaint on CR 448:** J. Vanderville addressed a complaint from a resident at 6681W CR-448. She was upset that we cut down some trees she had been growing to transplant to her property. J. Vanderville explained the right of way, provided her the brochure, heard her complaints, empathized with her, but in the end, explained that full width brushing will continue on a rotation (3-5 years) and annually we will mow the usual 6' right of way. She was still upset and feels that we should not cut that much and should notify her if trees will be damaged in the cutting. She stated she was going to contact the DNR because she believes we cut protected cattails. J. Vanderville will work with the DNR to address any concerns that arise from the full width mowing and keep the commission informed.

## 10. Engineer's Report:

### Township Work/Meetings

Berm removal has been completed on Cemetery Road. The gravel lift portion of the project will take place after grade stakes are placed. I. Stampfly plans to have the project staked later this week or early next week.

I. Stampfly attended Manistique and Hiawatha Township meetings last week. Manistique was pleased with the work we did on Dillexie Lane and that we came in under budget. Manistique Township did not have any questions or concerns for the road commission. Hiawatha Township, also, did not have any questions or concerns for the road commission.

#### **CR-433 River Road Project (2022) & CR-448 over Stutts Creek**

An update was received on the River Road project start date; Payne & Dolan is looking at starting on August 31<sup>st</sup>. A precon meeting will be taking place in mid-August and I. Stampfly is still working out the dates for it. We are still waiting for award on the Stutts Bridge. There have been no new updates.

#### **CR-433 River Road Project (2023)**

I. Stampfly has been in contact with the consultant who will be doing the GI meeting on MDOT's behalf. We were trying to schedule the meeting for this week or next week. He is still waiting for an official date and time.

#### **CR-436 & CR-449 Force Account Projects**

Funding has been obligated and we can start on these projects now anytime. I. Stampfly needs to re-stake CR-449 (8 Mile) as many of the stakes have been run over or removed prior to starting the gravel lift. We are planning to start CR-449 in the next couple of weeks and CR-436 will follow after CR-449 is completed. Since obligation, I. Stampfly has also started to work on the construction admin/documentation for both projects as well.

#### **Seney Salt Barn**

Construction has started on our new salt shed. Johnson Brothers were prepping for the footings and placing rebar for the walls during our site visits last week.

### **11. Department Heads:**

**Tanya Hoar, Finance Director:** None

**Kim Rochefort, Road Foreman:** Reported that the chloride project is complete. If there are any complaints, a second application can be done in certain areas.

There are about 100 stumps to grind on M-149, which need to be taken care of to mow.

Gravel was placed on Thunder Lake Road yesterday, with grading to be done today.

CR-437 by the Thunder Bowl needs to be graded.

**Roger Martin, Shop Foreman:** There is an issue with the Gradall. Parts have been ordered, which are two to three weeks out.

Before sand maintenance can be done, the shop will have to pull the head on 532.

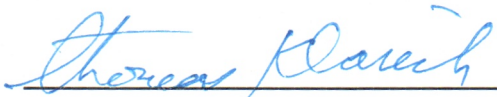
**Ann Peterson, Payroll/HR Coordinator:** Reported that another Temp CDL application has been received, so filling the temp positions in November should not be an issue.

**12. Meeting Notices:****A. Straits Area Council Meeting August 2, 2022, Mackinaw City**

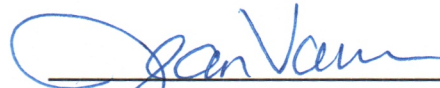
**13. Public Comment:** Gilbert Baker thanked the SCRC for the chip seal work on CR-440 and CR-441. He inquired about repairs on the roads. I. Stampfly reported that a portion of CR-440 along with ¼ Mile Road are scheduled to be paved in 2025. I. Stampfly will look into chip seal at the Community Center as well and will bring the information to the next meeting.

**14. Adjournment:**

The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:58 am.



Thomas Klarich, Chairperson



Jean Vanderville, Managing Director