

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on February 2, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the Midland County Road Commission office.

Present: Mike Atton, Chair
Jim Hyatt, Vice Chair
Bill Cozat, Member, attended virtually
Jon Myers, Managing Director
Art Buck, Superintendent
Jeff Brown, Construction Technician
Ben Mead, Facilities Manager
Ashley Hiles, GIS Coordinator
Donna Lowe, Finance Director
Absent: Russ Inman, Director of Engineering

Public Present: Jeanette Snyder, Midland County Board of Commissioners; Ezra Parsons, Midland County High School Student; Maria Sandow, Larkin Township, attended virtually.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said

Additions to Agenda:

None

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Atton to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2023 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Hyatt

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Maria Sandow from Larkin Township thanked the road crews for their work to keep roads clear during the snow storm.

Approval of Open Accounts and Payroll:

The payroll for February 2, 2023 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Atton to authorize payroll for February 2, 2023.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

The open accounts for February 2, 2023 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Atton to approve payment of open accounts for February 2, 2023.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

The CRA 2023-2024 Board of Directors Ballot was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Atton to vote for Burt Thompson for a three-year term to the Northern Michigan Association of Road Commissions.

Roll Call

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Permit listing was reviewed

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Jon discussed the multiple conflicts with the regularly scheduled February 16, 2023 meeting and suggested cancelling it.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Atton to cancel the February 16, 2023 meeting and approve payment of Open Accounts and Payroll for that date.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Jon provided the board with copies of the MDOT contract for West Curtis Road, North Eastman Road, Redstone Road and West River Road and explained that this contract was for the completion of the permanent flood repairs from the 2020 flood.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Atton to approve the MDOT Contract for West Curtis Road, North Eastman Road, Redstone Road and West River Road and allow Jon and Art to sign the final draft.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Jeff has been studying for a drone certification exam that he is taking on Monday.

He is also preparing the second round of bid advertising, which will begin on February 16, 2023 and be due March 14th, to be presented at the March 16, 2023 board meeting.

Ashley has been studying for the drone certification exam as well. Her test will be on Friday. She attended the job fair last week at Central Michigan University and stated that several good students stopped by the booth and she was hopeful that we would get some good applicants.

Ben stated that all of the equipment at auction sold on Govdeals, which brought in about \$60,000. He has some ideas for some shop upgrades that he can use some of those funds for. There were several new pieces of equipment delivered; the brine tanker arrived as well as 2 new Western Star trucks.

He also discussed the Safety Committee meeting. There are two new committee members to replace the two people who were on it who have retired.

Ben also updated the board on the shop projects that are going on.

Art has ordered another 500 tons of backup salt, which leaves him with only one required order left for the winter. MDOT also ordered 500 tons as well, and it will all be delivered within the next week. He has also hosted four 911 dispatchers so that they could meet all the staff – familiar voices, but it was nice to put a face with a name.

Art also stated that all of the township estimates are in and he will be working on primary projects next.

Jon will be attending the County Engineers Workshop next week.

The Engineer Tech job has been posted and Jon has been receiving resumes for that.

He has also been working on the RFP's and they will be ready to be advertised at about the same time as material bids.

Jon is having his annual meeting with the DNR next week. They use the time to discuss projects that both agencies have going on that they need to be aware of.

He has also had a couple of interviews with some local media. He did an interview for the Midland Daily News as well as the County Newsletter.

Commissioner Atton discussed the MCRCSIP meeting he attended last week. There is some upcoming legislation regarding safety issues that will help County Road Commissions. After the meeting he was able to tour the State Capital Building and meet the House Speaker, which was very interesting and impressive.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:20 a.m. until Thursday, March 2, 2023.

Donna Lowe, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chair