

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Atton on Wednesday, November 22, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the Midland County Road Commission office.

Present: Mike Atton, Chair
Jim Hyatt, Vice Chair
Bill Cozat, Member
Jon Myers, Managing Director
Steve Youngs, Facilities Manager
Donna Lowe, Finance Director
Ashley Hiles, GIS Coordinator
Russ Inman, Director of Engineering
Jeff Brown, Construction Technician

Absent: Art Buck, Superintendent
Travis Havercamp, Design Engineer

Public Present: Laura Dawson, Lee Township; Emily Atton; 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 Cozat to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2023 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Open Accounts and Payroll:

The payroll for November 22, 2023 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Hyatt and seconded by Commissioner Cozat to authorize payroll for November 2, 2023.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Open accounts for November 22, 2023 were discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to approve open accounts for November 22, 2023, in the amount of \$513,416.84.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Correspondence and Items of Information:

Proposed 2024 Regular Board Meeting Schedule

Jon presented the board with a proposed schedule for regular Board Meetings in 2024 for review. It will be finalized at the next meeting.

Rural Task Force 7C Regional Meeting

A Regional Rural Task Force 7C meeting will be held at the Isabella County Road Commission, 2261 E. Remus Rd., Mount Pleasant, MI, 48858, on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 1:00 pm, which includes Clare, Gladwin, Isabella and Midland Counties. This program involves Federal Funds from the Rural Surface Transportation Program (STP-R) and State-D Funds.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Fertilizer Dealer Supply quote for 15,000 gallon poly brine tank

Steve presented the board with a quote from Fertilizer Dealer Supply for the purchase of a 15,000 gallon poly brine tank. This will increase our storage capacity to 45,000 gallons. The older tanks we currently own have been repaired recently and will need replacement in the near future.

Moved by Commissioner Cozat and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt to purchase the brine tank for \$23,733.00

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioner Hyatt, Cozat, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Miscellaneous:

None

Staff Reports:

Jeff attended the Winter Operations workshop last month in preparation for the snow season. He also attended the MiCamp Conference in Boyne with Ashley and Travis. Jeff gave an update on the Pine River Rd project. He has also been busy with township PASER ratings.

Russ let the board know that the MATS MPO was given six months to move out of the county building and find different accommodations for their office space and that also Brian at the MPO was leaving for a new job in Bay County, so there were lots of changes coming over at MATS in the near future. He also stated that he had been watching sales and has purchased five new computers at very good prices. In the past he had build all the computers but these were purchased completed so they could be implemented very quickly. Russ also gave an update on the Bailey Bridge project, which is still on hold due to right of way issues with Dow property.

Donna has been working on the new Precision accounting software. It has been installed on her computer and she has had a few training sessions so far. Everything is going very well with that and she is very happy with every aspect of the program so far.

Jon stated that he and Art have several meetings next week, including the annual MDOT fall maintenance meeting and a drain commission meeting. He updated the information on the Steward Road over Bullock Creek Bridge. It will be built by our crew, with input from several experts on that type of structure. He is still waiting for the FEMA approval for the change of scope for this project. Jon also noted that the weather station cameras had been updated and are now installed on various state roads. Some of the locations have been changed from last year for better visibility.

Ashley attended the MiCamp Conference in Boyne along with Jeff last month, and has been working on snowplow route maps.

Steve stated that he was able to locate a PTO for the brine tanker that we have been waiting for. The salesperson informed him it was going to be possibly March of 2024 before the part was going

to be in, so he reached out to some other supplier contacts he had and was able to obtain a comparable PTO from a different supplier and the brine tanker is now ready for use for de-icing. The mechanic crew has 9 trucks ready for winter maintenance if needed, and is continuing to work on the rest.

Commissioner Cozat inquired about a ditching project on Wackerly Road that someone had asked about several meetings back, and Art stated it had been completed as promised. Bill also stated he will be on vacation and not available for the next board meeting.

Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Atton at 9:33 a.m. until Thursday, December 7, 2023.

Donna Lowe, Finance Director

Mike Atton, Chair