

The regular meeting of the Midland County Road Commission was called to order by Chairman Sagle on Thursday, July 21, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Road Commission office.

Present: Janice Leatherman Sagle, Chairman  
Don Terwillegar, Vice-Chairman  
Mike Atton, Member  
Terry Palmer, Managing Director  
Sam SanMiguel, Superintendent  
Brenda Gordert, Clerk  
Russ Inman, Design Engineer  
Absent: Art Buck, Engineering Technician; Ben Mead, Facilities Manager

Public Present: Al Kloha, Midland County Board of Commissioners; Gene Smith, Midland County Planning Commission Chairman; Dan Sagle, Jasper Township Supervisor; Jim Leigeb, Midland County Board of Commissioners

**Additions to Agenda:**

New Business: 9 Mile Road River Access

**Approval of Minutes:**

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2016 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Terwillegar, Sagle

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2016 meeting.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Atton, Terwillegar, Sagle

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Public Comment:**

Al Kloha stated the County Board of Commissioners approved the request for the millage renewal to be placed on the November ballot.

**Approval of Open Accounts:**

The pre-pay for July 14 was discussed.

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to approve payment for the payroll and open accounts for July 14, 2016 in the amount of \$919,433.15 and to hold the payment to the County Treasurer for TIFA Chargeback for additional information.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Sagle, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Correspondence and Items of Information:**

Correspondence was received from the Northern Association asking for nominations for Vice Chairman of the Association for 2017. Elections will be in September at the Northern/Southern annual conference September 14-16.

**Permit listing was reviewed**

**Unfinished Business:**

Mike Atton presented a cost estimate for the new sign \$3,392.33. The Road Commission crews will remove old sign and install concrete pad for new sign.

Moved by Commissioner Atton and seconded by Commissioner Terwillegar to approve design and cost of new sign.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Terwillegar, Atton, Sagle

Nays: None

Motion Carried

A policy was presented regarding drain tile connections and amended as follows:

SUBJECT: PRIVATE TILE CONNECTION

POLICY: During a reconstruction project and/or drainage project the Midland County Road Commission will install or replace private tile.

1. When conditions allow, a permit may be issued and the Road Commission may allow property owners the opportunity to have private tile installed or replaced. Materials will be purchased by the property owner and are required to be on location at the time the drainage project is scheduled to begin.
2. Work will be completed by Road Commission during construction.
3. Property owner will be billed for actual cost of installation or repair of tile.
4. The Road Commission will not be responsible for repairs or maintenance of tile after installation.

Moved by Commissioner Terwillegar and seconded by Commissioner Atton to approve the Private Tile Connection Policy as amended.

Roll Call.

Yeas: Commissioners Sagle, Terwillegar, Atton

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**New Business:**

Jim Leigeb spoke regarding access to the Chippewa River off 9 Mile south of Chippewa River Road. People are trespassing on private property because public access to the river is difficult to maneuver. Property owners have tried to put a fence up however it keeps getting destroyed. Terry commented the staff will look into reworking the access trail down to the river, look into fixing the guard rail, and install signs along the edge of the private property.

A ballot was received from CRASIF for Board Trustee position. Ballot deadline is September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Miscellaneous:**

Al Kloha stated the brush is blocking vision on Dague Road west of Sunset Way.

Dan Sagle gave an update regarding the fence in the right-of-way on Pine River Road. He has not been able to make contact with property owner but has left message.

**Staff Reports:**

Sam stated the contractor is in paving the bridge on Laporte Road and Sasse Road today. Laporte Road paving is scheduled for next week along with Old Pine Trail, Rockwell, and Red Keg Court. The first round of line stripping will begin in a couple weeks.

We have received approval to start the second round of mowing on the state highways for MDOT.

Terry gave update on the West River Road Bridge. Temporary wood railing and posts will stay until township completes walking path. Crews will add metal posts and paint wood. We will install signs to inform public that it's temporary until walking path is completed next year. Terry commented on the completion of the cross-culvert replacement on Meridian Road. Our crews had the large culvert out by noon and the first course of asphalt patch was installed that afternoon. Top coat of asphalt was installed next morning and road was opened to traffic. The crews worked very diligently and road was able to be opened back up ahead of schedule. Terry commented on the milling of the bridges on Sasse Road and Laporte Road. Sasse Road will have epoxy overlay and Laporte Road will have ultra-thin overlay. Terry gave update on Gordonville and Badour Road project and presented pictures. Ted Eastman has a house south on Badour Road and we will work with townships on drainage in that area.

Mike inquired about the status of Jefferson Road Bridge.

Terry stated the project is moving along all the blocks have been laid and we are starting to install the timber beams.

Mike was happy the mowing has been done and the Larkin Ball Park was brined.

Janice mentioned it would be a good idea to have project boards for the County Fair this year.

Moved by Commissioner Sagle to adjourn meeting at 10:30 a.m. until Thursday August 11, 2016.

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Brenda Gordert, Clerk

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Janice Leatherman Sagle, Chairman