

A regular meeting of the Board of the Schoolcraft County Road Commission was held at the County Road Commission Building in the City of Manistique, Michigan on April 13, 2016 at 7:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson.

Present: Dale J. DuFour, Chairperson
Bernard J. Lund, Vice Chairperson
Thomas J. Klarich, Member
Dan LaFoilie, Member
Bill Poniatoski, Member

Also present was Lisa Kleeman, Finance Director/Interim Manager; Pat Carley, Schoolcraft County Commissioner; Christine Rantanen, Schoolcraft County Commissioner; Keith Rochefort; Robin LaCroix; Darryl Peterson; John Osterhout, SCRC Foreman; Kevin Keveney, Business Agent Teamsters Local 406; Greg Rutherford; Alfred Burns; Terry Brooks; Pete Paramski; and Lynn Norton, Doyle Township Supervisor.

The minutes of the March 23 and March 29, 2016 meeting were approved as presented.

Motion to approve the open meeting minutes of March 23, 2016 was made by Commissioner Klarich, seconded by Commissioner LaFoilie. Motion carried.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

Motion to approve the closed meeting minutes of March 23, 2016 was made by Commissioner Klarich, seconded by Commissioner LaFoilie. Motion carried.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

Motion to approve the open meeting minutes of March 29, 2016 was made by Commissioner Klarich, seconded by Commissioner Lund. Motion carried.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

A motion to approve the agenda with additions was made by Commissioner LaFoilie and seconded by Commissioner DuFour. Motion carried.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

Under public comment, Agenda items only: None

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A motion to approve vouchers 16-30, 16-31 and 16-32 and to review and approve all credit card purchases at the time of voucher approval, was made by Commissioner LaFoille and seconded by Commissioner Klarich. Motion carried.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

Interim Manager/Finance Director Report given and attached

A motion to approve the Interim Managers report was made by Commissioner LaFoille and seconded by Commissioner DuFour. Motion carried.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

Alfred Burns presented information pertaining to Lakeside Road and his property. He indicated he wants jurisdiction over his road and the City of Manistique off his property.

A motion to contact Attorney Wendling to review previous activity regarding Mr. Burns property and give an opinion on the court's ruling and direction to the Board was made by Commissioner LaFoille and seconded by Commissioner Poniatoski. Motion carried.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

Pete Paramski expressed interest in the Engineer/Manager position.

A motion to approve the Bridge resolution for CR 448 was made by Commissioner Lund and seconded by Commissioner Klarich. Motion carried.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

A motion to seek reimbursement from RS Scott for the amount of the hard rock adjustment pertaining to the Cope Bridge was made by Commissioner LaFoille and seconded by Commissioner Klarich. Motion carried.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

A motion accept all material bids and place on file for use in the best interest of the Road Commission was made by Commissioner Lund and seconded by Commissioner Klarich. Motion carried.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

Truck bids are to be re-advertised in “As is” condition with current mileage.

An estimate for MDOT for Rogers Park is to be prepared.

A motion to approve travel and attendance for the HR Clerk and Finance Director to the CRA Annual Finance & HR meeting, was made by Commissioner Lund and seconded by Commissioner Klarich. Motion carried.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

Overtime approval was discussed. Any time worked but not approved by Interim Manager/Finance Director will not be paid for.

A motion to enter into closed session for purposes of Rutherford grievance, Medical issue, Review of Engineer/Manager applications, bargaining unit agreement extension, Teamster’s BCBS participation agreement and seniority, was made by Commissioner Klarich and seconded by Commissioner LaFoilie.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

Enter Closed Session at 8:17 a.m.
End Closed Session at 9:46 a.m.

A motion to reopen public meeting was made by Commissioner Lund and seconded by Commissioner LaFoilie. Motion carried.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

The Rutherford Grievance will be withdrawn without prejudice.

A motion to seek legal advice on several issues relating to Gregory Rutherford seeking MERS Disability Retirement and receiving Retiree Health Benefits, was made by Commissioner LaFoilie and seconded by Commissioner Klarich. Motion carried.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

A motion to repost Engineer/Manager position as a Manager position with applications due by May 10, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. was made by Commissioner Poniatoski and seconded by Commissioner DuFour. Motion carried.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

A motion for Dale DuFour to sign a 1 (one) year extension for Supervisory Bargaining Unit Contract was made by Commissioner LaFoille and seconded by Commissioner Poniatoski. Motion carried.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

A motion for Dale DuFour to sign a 1 (one) year extension for Non-Supervisory Bargaining Unit Contract was made by Commissioner LaFoille and seconded by Commissioner Poniatoski. Motion carried.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

A motion for Lisa Kleeman, Interim Manager, to sign MCTWF Participation Agreement for 2016/2017 was made by Commissioner Klarich and seconded by Commissioner DuFour. Motion carried.


Ayes: All
Nays: None


James Johnson will serve as Seney's Assistant Foreman with vehicle usage that will be parked at the garage at night and cell phone provided. This will be an 8 hour position.

Under Public Comment, Open:

Keith Rochefort discussed maintenance needed in Inwood Township on Tower Road and repair needed in the asphalt at the intersection of Advent and Poupour Road. He also commented on the hours at Roger's Park.

Upon motion the board adjourned at 10:15 a.m.


Dale J. DuFour, Chairperson


Lisa M. Kleeman,
Interim Manager / Finance Director

INTERIM MANAGER/FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT

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Engineer/Manager Position – First round of Interviews completed and applications have been signed and returned. Need direction from Board on how they wish to proceed.

Janitorial Hiring – Cathy Harris has been hired and her hours are 12-3 each day.

Engineering – Meeting with Nancy Helgren of U.P. Engineers & Architects on April 14, 2016.

Railroad Crossing – MDOT has scheduled a Formal Investigation at the Ketvirtis site on May 24, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. If approved this will give us 5 years to get the crossing built. Ongoing communication with Gerald Reese, Schoolcraft Snowmobile Association is occurring to achieve funding partners for the crossing.

2016 Construction Projects – A small amount of extra funding has been received due to the FAST Act, will work with Engineer to schedule the assignment of these funds either to an existing project or to other counties within the task force. Rural Task Force Meeting scheduled for April 20, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. in Alger County. The Board will need to address how to proceed with this construction season in the absence of the Construction Foreman. Forms need to be completed via a laptop each day during a construction project in order to comply with Federal Highway audit requirements. This person works closely with the Finance Director regarding budgetary constrictions.

Lasich Road – Proposed construction project information was presented to Manistique Township on 03/23/16. At this time, Lasich Road does not appear to be project moving forward. A portion of right-of-way clearing has been done and a small amount is yet to be completed on Lasich Road. Manistique Township has asked that we review their township roads and give them a plan on what would be the most prudent way to improve the roads and present projects at their next meeting 4/20/16.

Financial –Michigan Department of Treasury has concluded that road commissions cannot issue pension/OPEB bonds on their own, nor can counties issue pension/OPEB bonds on their behalf. I am working closely with Brian Gutowski, Emmet County Road Commission Engineer/Manager, Marty Fitante of Senator Casperson's office, as well as Jim Iwanicki, Marquette County Road Commission Engineer/Manager, CRA President and Denise Donohue, Director of CRA. Locally, Pat Carley has been involved as well as continued contact with Phil Wolf, CPA with Anderson Tackman. In light of the fact that Department of Treasury will not approve a bond, a plan to address the \$8,000,000 unfunded accrued liability needs to be created and implemented.

To address inaccurate and false statements that nothing was done during the past several years to address the unfunded accrued liability issue that was created before 2006, the following shows extra payments verifiable by ACT 51 Reports, as well as MERS Annual Valuation Reports:

	Normal Payments	Extra Payments	Total Retirement	OPEB (Retiree Health Insurance) Payments
2011	\$ 397,826	\$106,441	\$ 504,267	
2012	445,673	99,043	544,716	30,000
2013	476,504	130,150	606,654	90,000
2014	517,216	155,088	672,304	60,000
2015	520,179	329,251	849,430	60,000
Total	\$2,357,398	\$819,973	\$3,177,371	\$240,000

In summary, during the past five years, SCRC has paid \$1,059,973 extra on pension liabilities and future retiree health insurance.

Equipment – Two more pickups are still to be delivered.

Grievance – Received from Greg Rutherford has progressed to Step 3.

Seasonal Weight Restrictions – Implemented March 7, 2016, at 8:00 a.m. Frost is out of the ground in all areas and restrictions may be lifted in the next week or so depending on how fast the roads dry up.

Townships – Commissioner Klarich and I have attended Manistique and Hiawatha township meetings. Working with the Foreman, roads will be assessed for the most efficient fixes and costs given to the township for their decision on this year's projects.

Scheduled Meetings –

Commissioner's Seminar, April 17-19, 2016, Sault Ste. Marie

Straits Area Council, May 3, 2016, Mackinac City