

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 May 25, 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; John Osterhout, Foreman; Monte LaKosky, Shop Foreman; Christine Rantanen, Schoolcraft County Commissioner; Pat Carley, Schoolcraft County Commissioner; Louis Berry; Adeline Berry; Fred McAlpine; Michelle Allsteadt; Andrew Gohl; Darryl Peterson; Robin LaCroix; and Larry Mersnick, Schoolcraft County Commissioner.

The minutes of the May 18, 2016 meeting were approved as presented.

Motion to approve the open meeting minutes of May 18, 2016 was made by Commissioner Klarich, seconded by Commissioner Poniatoski. Motion carried.

Ayes: All  
Nays: None

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Lund and seconded by Commissioner Klarich. Motion carried.

Ayes: All  
Nays: None

Under public comment, Agenda items only: None

A motion to discontinue winter plowing of driveways was made by Commissioner LaFoilie. Motion failed.

Ayes: Commissioner LaFoilie, Commissioner DuFour  
Nays: Commissioner Lund, Commissioner Klarich, Commissioner Poniatoski

Louis Berry distributed the attached letter regarding County Road 447 and requested the possibility of getting the road paved, providing better dust control, improving drainage to stop damage to yards and driveways, and placing a gate and No Trespassing signage at Grave's Pit. Adeline Berry, Michelle Allsteadt, Fred McAlpine and Andrew Gohl also gave input on this item. This agency will attempt to provide better dust control, add a gate and signage at the Grave's Pit property, and check into improving drainage near the driveways.

A motion to reschedule the June 8, 2016 Board meeting to June 7, 2016 at 7:00 a.m. at the Manistique Office, was made by Commissioner Lund and seconded by Commissioner Klarich. Motion carried.

Ayes: All  
Nays: None

A motion to approve the Dust Control Contract for Doyle Township, Hiawatha Township, Inwood Township and Manistique Township, was made by Commissioner Lund and seconded by Commissioner Klarich. Motion carried.

Ayes: All  
Nays: None

Interim Manager / Finance Director report given and attached.

A motion to revisit the topic of driveways and for the agency to discontinue plowing driveways and to notify the recipients of this decision was made by Commissioner Poniatoski and seconded by Commissioner LaFoilie. Motion carried.

Ayes: Commission Poniatoski, Commissioner LaFoilie, Commissioner DuFour  
Nays: Commissioner Lund, Commissioner Klarich

Public Comment was offered before going into Closed Session:

1. Mersnick discussed choices for driveway plowing with regards to evaluating charges and risk for the drivers.
2. Peterson discussed driveway plowing.
3. Allsteadt discussed chloride from the roads and how it impacts her vehicle.
4. Louis Berry commented on driveways.

A motion to enter into Closed Session to discuss Engineer/Manager Contract was made by Commissioner LaFoilie and seconded by Commissioner Klarich. Motion carried.

Ayes: All  
Nays: None

Enter into Closed Session at 8:22 a.m.  
End Closed Session at 8:52 a.m.

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

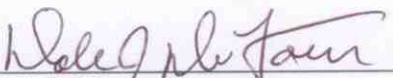
Ayes: All  
Nays: None

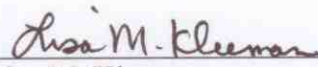
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A motion to send Zachary Morris a Letter of Intent to Hire was made by Commissioner LaFoille and seconded by Commissioner DuFour. Motion carried.

Ayes: All  
Nays: None

Upon motion the board adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

  
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Dale J. DuFour, Chairperson

  
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Lisa M. Kleeman,  
Interim Manager / Finance Director

## INTERIM MANAGER/FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT

MAY 25, 2016

**Manager Position** – Interviews conducted 5/18/16 and an offer is in process.

**Road Restrictions and Closures** – Michibay Road is restricted due to a failing culvert, County Road 448, Creighton Truck Trail has no restrictions but 3 of the 4 bridges on that road have reduced loads of 70 tons, and Southside Road has a bridge over Hay Meadow Creek that is impassible and closed as of 5/24/16.

**Townships** – Chloride agreements have been received from 5 of the 6 townships that normally request chloride. Chloride has been ordered and I am just waiting on shipment information. Liquid Chloride has been applied to Little Harbor Road and is scheduled for Thunder Lake Road and CR 431 on 5/31/16. Inwood Township is having liquid chloride applied 5/30/16.

**Railroad Crossing** – Meeting occurred with MDOT and Canadian National Railroad on May 24, 2016. This crossing has been approved and the permit to construct a crossing will be good for two years. The next step is building partnerships for funding and getting a certified survey. Estimated construction of the crossing will be late summer 2017.

**Emergency Management** – Current projects include working with the Coast Guard regarding a pipeline drill scheduled for September and Graymont for an evacuation situation to be conducted June 16, 2016.

**Scheduled Meetings** – UP Road Builders Association Summer Meeting, June 8-10, Keweenaw Mountain Lodge, Copper Harbor, MI.

**Merwin Creek Campground Culvert** – Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners authorized us to replace a culvert at the entrance of the park, cost not to exceed \$2,000.00. This project has been completed.

**Rutherford Retirement** – Informed verbally from MERS that this will be approved, final details to be worked out.

**Temporary Employees** – Robert Schuch was called back for temporary employment on May 23, 2016. His primary duties will be Roger's Park and assistance with shoulder projects.

**MDOT Shoulder Project** – Prehauling has been occurring for the past two weeks staging gravel at three different locations. Shouldering scheduled to begin June 1, 2016.

**Engineering Update** – Nancy Helgren, UP Engineers & Architects will be attending 6/22/16 meeting.

**Michibay Culvert** – Permit should arrive within 30 days and Nancy Helgren has a bid packet she is sending for advertisement that will be due 6/21 in time for the 6/22 Board meeting.

**Dam Inspections** – Occurring today.

**Willy Mac** – Information received for gravel lift, final estimate will be completed soon.

**Southside Bridge** – Nancy Helgren will provide an estimate for a Conspan Culvert that will include footings, delivery, installation, engineering and DEQ permit.

May 18, 2016

Thomas Klarich  
Dale Dufour  
Bernard Lund  
332N East Road  
Manistique, MI 49854

Dear Schoolcraft County Road Commissioners,

I would like to bring to your attention the condition of Grant Road (County Road 447) in Germfask Township. Approximately ten years ago, the road commission began building the road up to specifications to pave it. Only one and half miles of the road was built up at that time. Then, about five years later, another one mile was completed. That is where it stopped. Before these things were done to the road, the county road commission secured property on Grant Road for the gravel and sand that was available on the land. When this land was purchased, the residents of Grant Road were promised that the road commission would be good neighbors. This has not been the case. The dust that is created when a simple car drives down the road is so thick that you cannot see two feet in front of you. The various slopes on the road make this dust storm even more treacherous. This occurs when a simple car drives down the road; can you even imagine what happens when several cars drive down the road at the same time or a logging truck or county truck? I would also like to bring it to your attention that Grant Road is a heavily traveled connection for anyone coming from Curtis to access M-77 and vice versa. This road is traveled much more than most people think it is. The traffic on Grant Road has quadrupled in the last ten years. It is used very heavily by logging trucks that have a home base along South Curtis Road, as well as the logging trucks that are travelling to the mill from various logging activities in this area.

Every spring, residents of Grant Road, have to call the road commission garage in Manistique to complain about the dust that is created from the vehicles that travel this road extensively. When the road commission finally decides to address the complaint, their solution is to water the road. This lasts for a day, at best. This continues to be the solution for the majority of the spring. At the end of May, the liquid that has been used in place of chloride is applied. Apparently this is what the road commission believes should take care of the dust for the rest of the summer/fall season. In reality, this treatment only works for about three weeks and only for a handful of residents, due to the amount of traffic that our road receives. We are, then, right back to where we started when the snow melts. The other residents that the application does not work for would be the people who get the "leftovers" applied in front of their driveway. This treatment is done more heavy in front of some homes and hardly at all in front of others, not to mention the absence of treatment in between homes. Doesn't anybody think the wind blows on Grant Road or that the vortex created by the logging trucks doesn't carry the dust right along with them? The amount of dust that is created makes it impossible for any driver to see someone "brave" enough to be walking down the street. We do not let our children ride their bikes or walk to the neighbors' house because of the safety concerns.

The last time, to our knowledge, that any county road on this side of Schoolcraft County has been upgraded and paved was the early 1970's. During this time, the River Road (County Road 436) was seal-coated. However, after years of having the road commission crew spend countless hours patching the pot holes created by the blade trucks scraping it off, the county had the road paved properly. More recently, in the Doyle Township portion of the River Road, a section was paved from the Quarry Road to just past Hiawatha Shores Landfill. There are three habitable structures and the landfill on the stretch of road that was paved. Why was this done? Was it because of the garbage trucks traveling the road on a regular basis? Grant Road has county trucks and logging trucks traveling it on a regular basis, too. We are taxpayers of Schoolcraft County too. Why are our roads being ignored?

Sincerely,

The Agitated Residents of Grant Road

Signatures of Grant Road Residents

1. Louis Berry II
2. Michelle Allstead
3. Brian Burton
4. Herb Burton
5. Ann Burton
6. Stacy Burton
7. Louis Berry I
8. Adelene Berry
9. James Taylor
10. Jerry McGary
11. Robert Bueh
12. Nooni Burton
13. Mike Kounik

14. Keli E. Koenich
15. Joseph S. Jurety
16. Andrew P. Jaki
17. Caroline Staples
18. Fred C. Medema
19. Raunee T. Allee
20. Bill Hudak
21. Jason Hordak
22. Kenneth W. Kline
23. Robert J. Jurety
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