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A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Delta County Road Commissioners was held on Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. at the Main Office, 3000 32nd Avenue North, Escanaba, Michigan.

Present at the workshop were Chairman Pete Stropich, Vice Chairman Randy Bjork, Commissioner Rory Mattson, and Commissioner Dennis Stanek. Also in attendance was County Board Liaison Dave Rivard and Managing Director Rob VanEffen.

The Regular Meeting agenda items were reviewed and/or discussed.

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Delta County Road Commissioners was held on Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at 5:15 p.m. at the Main Office, 3000 32nd Avenue North, Escanaba, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 by the Chairman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Chairman Pete Stropich, Vice Chairman Randy Bjork, Commissioner Dennis Stanek, and Commissioner Rory Mattson.

ABSENT: Commissioner Larrabee.

There being no additions, Chairman Stropich moved to approve the Agenda as printed.

As there were no corrections or additions, Chairman Stropich moved to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2011 Workshop & Regular Meetings as proposed.

Managing Director Rob VanEffen explained that the Manager's Report had been discussed in detail during the workshop but there was one item that requires board action.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson, seconded by Commissioner Bjork to support the Snowplow Driver Fatigue research project being done by Michigan Tech and to allow employees to participate on a voluntary basis.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

Managing Director Rob VanEffen briefed the Board regarding a report from the recent Loss Control site visit by Mike Schultz for MCRCSIP which listed a few suggestions he had regarding his visits. Mr. VanEffen explained that the issues listed have all been addressed & corrected.

It was moved by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve Policy No. 51 – Hiring Committee Policy and No. 61 – Assessment Committee Policy as revised on this date, and to eliminate Policy 51A – Personnel Committee Policy.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Stanek, seconded by Commissioner Bjork to approve Bills Payable Voucher No. 2327 of 8/23/11 in the amount of \$76,506.74 and Payroll Voucher No. 68877 of 8/18/11 in the amount of \$56,011.87 as presented and reviewed. Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Stanek - Yes

Commissioner Mattson - Yes

Vice Chairman Bjork - Yes

Chairman Stropich - Yes

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Commissioner Mattson explained that the Attorney General ruled that Delta County Road Commission is the owner of the old highway bridge off of C.R. 517. He gave an update on progress of the efforts to receive grant funding for the removal of the old bridge.

It was moved by Commissioner Bjork, seconded by Commissioner Stanek to authorize the Delta Conservation District as the agent to serve on behalf of the Road Commission in the efforts to secure grants or other funding to remove the old bridge on C.R. 517 and to authorize the Chairman to sign the permit application.

Ayes – 4 Nays - 0

Managing Director Rob VanEffen informed the Board of the MCRCSIP refund received in the amount of \$113,909.00. It was explained that this amount will be recorded as a reduction to the current year's expense for liability insurance premiums.

It was moved by Commissioner Stanek, seconded by Commissioner Stropich to authorize Chairman Stropich and Vice Chairman Bjork to sign the "master" five-year Engineering Services Agreement with U.P. Engineers & Architects and to authorize Managing Director Rob VanEffen to sign individual task agreements as they come up as long as they fall within the parameters of the master agreement.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Bjork, seconded by Commissioner Stanek to approve out of county travel for employee Van Marenger to attend the Planning & Coordination with Tribal Governments seminar in Curtis on September 13, 2011.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson, seconded by Commissioner Bjork to allow the 2011 SLAM Emerald Ash Borer Pilot Project Biocontrol Release at the Moss Lake Quarry – which will release three species of wasps that will feed off of the Emerald Ash Borer larvae and eggs, thus eliminating them. The wasps are non-stinging and harmless to humans.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

Before going into Closed Session Chairman Stropich asked if there were any Public Comments. Employee Brian Kleiman asked about the MCRCSIP refund that was received and if it is required to be recorded as a decrease to the current year's expense or if that was just how it has been chosen to be used. Managing Director Rob VanEffen and Finance Director Amy Reinhardt explained that it has always been recorded that way as instructed by Treasury Department auditors.

County Board Liaison Dave Rivard notified the Board of a U.P. seminar on Redevelopment that is being planned to be held on September 21st at Bay College and will include speakers from both the state and federal levels. It will be a day-long event with lunch provided and it is free of cost and any board members or staff are welcome to attend. More information will be forthcoming.

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It was moved by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to enter into Closed Session at 5:40 p.m. to receive information regarding pending litigation. Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Mattson – Yes

Vice Chairman Bjork - Yes

Commissioner Stanek – Yes

Chairman Stropich – Yes

It was moved by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Bjork to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 6:06 p.m. and that no decisions were reached during the Closed Session.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Stanek – Yes

Vice Chairman Bjork - Yes

Commissioner Mattson – Yes

Chairman Stropich – Yes

Chairman Stropich asked if there were any Road Commissioner's Comments. Commissioner Mattson asked about the Brampton Township overlay paving for which bids were approved at the last meeting – there is an agreement for the project that needs to be approved and signed and he moved to add that item to the Agenda at this time so that it can be acted on – the motion was seconded by Commissioner Stanek.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson, seconded by Commissioner Stanek to approve the Project Material Agreement with Brampton Township for overlay paving and to authorize any board member to sign the agreement on behalf of the Board.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

There being no further business to come before the board at this time, Chairman Stropich moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Pete Stropich, Chairman

Amy J. Reinhardt, Deputy County Clerk

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