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A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Delta County Road Commissioners was held on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. at the Main Office, 3000 32nd Avenue North, Escanaba, Michigan. (The board members arrived at 2:00 p.m. to look at equipment in the shop)

Present at the workshop were Chairman Randy Bjork, Vice Chairman Dennis Stanek, Commissioner Pete Stropich, Commissioner Mike Larrabee, and Commissioner Bob Aschbacher. Also in attendance were Managing Director Rob VanEffen, Assistant Manager Jody Norman, Construction Superintendent Van Marenger, and County Board Liaison Dave Rivard.

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

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Delta County Road Commissioners was held on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 5:15 p.m. at the Main Office, 3000 32nd Avenue North, Escanaba, Michigan.

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

PRESENT: Chairman Randy Bjork, Vice Chairman Dennis Stanek, Commissioner Pete Stropich, Commissioner Mike Larrabee, and Commissioner Bob Aschbacher.

ABSENT: None.

The first item on the Agenda was reorganization of the Board. Commissioner Bjork asked for nominations for Chairman. It was moved by Commissioner Stanek and seconded by Commissioner Larrabee to nominate Randy Bjork. It was asked three times if there were any other nominations for Chairman. There were none. It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stanek to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot to name Randy Bjork as Chairman for 2013.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

Chairman Bjork asked for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman. It was moved by Commissioner Stropich and seconded by Commissioner Aschbacher to nominate Dennis Stanek. Chairman Bjork asked three times if there were any other nominations for Vice Chairman. There were none. It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stropich to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot to name Dennis Stanek as Vice Chairman for 2013.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

Chairman Bjork asked if there was anyone wishing to be added to the Agenda and there being none, moved to approve the Agenda as printed.

It was moved by Chairman Bjork to approve the Minutes of the December 11, 2012 Workshop & Regular Meetings as proposed.

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It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stropich to authorize Managing Director Rob VanEffen to sign a contract with Golder & Associates for environmental engineering services related to the removal of the underground storage tank and storage building at the old wells garage property.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

Discussion was held regarding how to proceed with the Right-of-Way Encroachment letter. It was decided to hold off on action until Managing Director Rob VanEffen contacts MCRCSIP for their input on this issue. County Board Liaison Dave Rivard suggested that Mr. VanEffen contact the prosecuting attorney for input as well.

Managing Director Rob VanEffen discussed the letter from the MCRCSIP Loss Control Visit of November 27, 2012 and explained that all of the issues found have already been corrected except one which will be corrected in the spring.

Policy #35 – Purchasing Policy will be reviewed prior to the Workshop Meeting on February 12th so no action is required at this time.

Policy # 1 – Equal Employment Opportunity – was given to the board for review.

It was moved by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Bjork to approve plowing as done in the past at two locations in the Rapid River area as requested by the Boy Scouts of the Red Buck District for upcoming events on January 19th and 26th.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Larrabee to approve Bills Payable Vouchers No. 2359 of 12/27/12 in the amount of \$78,090.64 and No. 2360 of 1/8/13 in the amount of \$96,741.17 and Payroll Vouchers No. 68912 of 12/20/12 in the amount of \$55,781.29 and No. 68913 of 1/3/13 in the amount of \$60,150.50 as presented and reviewed. Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Stropich - Yes

Commissioner Larrabee – Yes

Commissioner Aschbacher - Yes

Vice Chairman Stanek – Yes

Chairman Bjork - Yes

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stanek to approve the 2012 Annual Financial Report (Act 51) and authorize Managing Director Rob VanEffen (Chief Financial Officer) and Chairman Bjork to sign the attest form for submittal to MDOT.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Aschbacher to vote yes to approve the proposed amendment to the CRAM Constitution and Bylaws which will allow a one-time special assessment of \$1,000 for each member to be used by the association to provide necessary advocacy resources.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

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It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stropich to approve and for the Chairman, Vice Chairman and one Commissioner to sign a permit to close a portion of roadway for the Rapid River Relic Riders event on January 26, 2013.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stropich to approve out of county travel for Commissioner Stanek to attend a meeting in Gwinn on January 16, 2013 regarding the Escanaba River Bridge Removal Project.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stanek to approve out of county travel for Managing Director Rob VanEffen and Manager Jody Norman to attend a possible MERC Hearing in Detroit on January 22-23, 2013.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

Under Public and Commissioner Comments staff and board members welcomed new commissioner Bob Aschbacher to the Board. Commissioner Aschbacher stated the he will do his best to serve the public on this board and asked for anyone to let him know if there was anything else he should be doing or doing differently that he may not know at first.

Commissioner Larrabee asked the other commissioners to please get the Manager's evaluations completed and brought back in the next week or two.

Managing Director Rob VanEffen thanked Assistant Manager Jody Norman and Construction Superintendent Van Marenger for their efforts in their new positions and for already accomplishing many tasks in the past few months.

There being no further business to come before the board at this time, Chairman Bjork moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Randolph Bjork, Chairman

Amy J. Reinhardt, Deputy County Clerk

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