

HILLSDALE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
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Meeting was called to order by Chair Bob Godfrey on Thursday, October 30, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. at the road commission office.

Members present: Bob Godfrey, Mike Parney & Bill Watkins.

Staff present: Janet Aemisegger, Clerk.

Staff absent: Stanley Clingerman, Engineer-Manager (vacation).

Visitor present: Gary Wright, 1750 Point Drive, Lake Diane.
Donna Davidson, 14202 W. Diane Dr., Lake Diane.
Monte German, 2051 Sampson Road, Camden.
Andy Barrand, Hillsdale Daily News.

Agenda Approved

Having reviewed the agenda for this date, one addition was requested. The chair declared the agenda to stand approved with one addition.

Limited Public Comment – Lake Diane Property Owners

At 10:05 a.m., the chair opened the meeting to limited public comment. Several property owners from the Lake Diane area were present to respond to their letters from HCRC Engineer-Manager Stanley Clingerman asking if they'd be willing to grant a 10' easement along their property line to remedy issues with a neighbor's pond across the road. The property owners were not in favor of doing so as it would decrease the value of their lake lots. Due to the set-back requirements, it would render the lots "un-buildable". Mr. German offered to sell his entire lot to Mr. Clingerman for \$50,000 though, which he said was a reasonable price after he checked the area property values. The board said, "Thanks, but no thanks!"

Gary Wright indicated he has a problem with the road commission abandoning W. Diane Drive past his driveway. He said, "The road's not broke on his side of the lake so don't fix it!" He presented a short email message from Randy Root, his neighbor across the road, indicating he is opposed to the abandonment also. Mr. Wright said he has owned his house since 2002 and he doesn't want the extra land he'd gain from the proposed abandonment. He pays enough taxes already. Besides, there's a utility easement down the center of W. Diane Drive. Bob Godfrey said that would remain. Mr. Wright said his property goes farther than just his driveway. He's owned the property for 12 years and the HCRC has never snow plowed past his house. After further discussion, the board determined that Mr. Wright is normally just a summer lake resident. There's probably been no need to plow past his house.

In conclusion, the chairman said it will be duly noted that the property owners are opposed to the abandonment of W. Diane as proposed.

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Mr. German asked who gave the man on Sampson Road permission to create a lake or pond? He has created a health issue as there's a stand pipe in the pond and his cows use the lake, polluting the water, which ends up draining into Lake Diane. The board recommended the lake association notify the DNR about the issue as the HCRC has no control over the matter.

The board thanked the residents for attending the meeting and they left at 10:20 a.m.

TERRITORIAL ROAD HOT MIX OVERLAY BID AWARDED -API CONSTRUCTION

The chair welcomed Kirk Braun and Rob Dahmon from API Construction, LaOtto, Indiana, as they were present to introduce themselves to the board and to discuss their qualifications to perform the 10 mile Territorial Road Priority Road Improvement Project (PRIP) hot mix asphalt overlay project. The contract with MDOT states "an open competitive bid process that was publicly advertised and awarded on the basis of the lowest responsive and responsible bid". Having met with the representatives onsite October 23rd, Engineer-Manager Stanley Clingerman recommends that the bid be awarded to API, the low bidder, based on their good references and his satisfaction of their ability to properly perform the job. Mr. Clingerman also obtained references from several counties and municipalities, plus INDOT, and they were all very complimentary.

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Total</u>
API Construction	\$1,252,272.97
Gerken Paving Inc	\$1,275,157.97
Michigan Paving & Materials	\$1,348,432.38
Quality Asphalt (as read)	\$1,380,048.32
Rieth-Riley Construction	\$1,386,762.52

#14-154 Bill Watkins moved, Mike Parney seconded, to award the bid for the 10 mile Territorial Road PRIP hot mix asphalt overlay project to the low bidder, API Construction, LaOtto, Indiana, at their low bid price of \$1,252,272.97. Motion carried. Copy of bid tabulation on file.

Minutes Approved

Having reviewed the minutes of the October 16, 2014, meeting, there were no additions, deletions or corrections to be noted. The chair declared the minutes to stand approved as presented.

CONFIRMATION OF PAYROLL AS AUTHORIZED FOR PAYMENT BY THE STAFF

#14-155 Bill Watkins moved, Mike Parney seconded, to confirm the payment of the payroll in the amount of \$72,186.63 per Payroll Check Register dated 10/23/2014 as authorized by the engineer-manager and the clerk. Motion carried.

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ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVED

#14-156 Mike Parney moved, Bill Watkins seconded, to confirm the payment of bills in the amount of \$171,325.38 per Accounts Payable Check Register dated 10/30/2014. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report Presented

The treasurer's report was presented by the clerk as follows:

Beginning Balance-Cash & Investments		\$2,672,039.12
Receipts:		
10/21/2014 R. 42724-R. 42735	\$ 94,890.76	
10/23/2014 R. 42736-R. 42739	\$ 679.88	
10/30/2014 R. 42740-R. 42742	\$ 6,147.99	
Total Receipts		\$ 101,718.63
Disbursements:		
10/21/2014 Payroll & Mat SS	\$ 77,263.73	
Less: MERS EFT Deductions	\$ (4,759.74)	
Less: Hlth Insur Prem Deduc	\$ (317.36)	
	\$ 72,186.63	
10/30/2014 Accounts Payable	\$171,325.38	
Total Disbursements:		(\$ 243,512.01)
Ending Cash & Investments Balance		\$2,530,245.74
Less: Bonds in Escrow		(\$ 18,750.00)
Less: Reserve Funds-Territorial Rd. Resurf Proj-PRIP Funds		(\$1,550,000.00)
Ending Available Fund Balance		\$ 961,495.74
Note: Outstanding Accounts Payable=\$115,347.76		

As there were no questions or comments regarding the report, the chair declared the report to stand approved as read.

ROD BIGELOW OFFER TO PURCHASE SCIPIO GRAVEL PIT DECLINED

Recently, Rod Bigelow made a verbal offer to purchase the HCRC's 20 acre gravel pit on Jeffery Road for \$30,000.00 if the road commission would allow a land contract with installment payments over 10 years in exchange for disposal rights for trees and dirt over the same 10 year

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period. It was the general consensus that the price offered was not enough to convince the board to sell the pit.

#14-157 Bill Watkins moved, Bob Godfrey seconded, to authorize the sale of the HCRC's 20 acre Scipio gravel pit on Jeffery Road to Rod Bigelow for \$30,000.00 on a land contract (if legal) with installment payments over 10 years in exchange for disposal rights for trees and dirt over the same 10 year period. Yeas, none. Nays, Godfrey, Parney, Watkins. Motion defeated.

**ICE CONTROL SAND CONTRACT EXTENSIONS APPROVED –
STONECO OF MICHIGAN AND GLACIAL SAND & GRAVEL**

#14-158 Mike Parney moved, Bill Watkins seconded, to approve contract extensions with Stoneco of Michigan and Glacial Sand & Gravel for ice control sand at their 2011 bid prices as shown below for the 2014-15 winter season.

Stoneco of Michigan	\$5.55 per ton delivered
Glacial Sand & Gravel	\$6.35 per ton delivered

Motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION FOR CHANGES IN BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

#14-159 As requested by the engineer-manager, Mike Parney moved, Bill Watkins seconded, to change the regular board meeting schedule for the rest of the year as shown below to avoid the Thanksgiving holiday and to allow more time for preparation of the 2015 budget:

<u>Current Schedule</u>	<u>Proposed Schedule</u>
November 13	November 13
November 25	December 4
December 11	December 18

Motion carried.

**BRUSH & WEED CONTROL CONTRACT EXTENSION APPROVED –
THE DALTONS**

#14-160 Bill Watkins moved, Mike Parney seconded, to approve a contract extension with The Daltons for weed and brush control for the 2015 season at their 2014 bid prices as show below:

Brush Spraying	50,000 gallons @ \$0.895 =	\$44,750.00
Guardrail Spraying	66,840 Lft. @ \$0.10 =	\$ 6,584.00

Motion carried.

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BOARD CONCURS WITH MANAGEMENT'S SUGGESTED LABOR CONTRACT CHANGE LIST FOR FIRST NEGOTIATION SESSION ON NOVEMBER 13TH

The board reviewed management's suggested list of changes to the labor contract with the HCRC Employees' Association, which expires 12/31/2014. The first negotiation session is tentatively scheduled for November 13th at 1:00 p.m.

#14-161 Mike Parney moved, Bill Watkins seconded, to concur with management's suggested list of changes to the labor contract with the HCRC Employees' Association, which expires on 12/31/2014. Carried.

Update on Selection of 2015 Health Insurance Plan

The health insurance committee has now met with 3 agents to hear their recommendations for 2015 health insurance plans. Follow-up visits will occur next week. Hope to make a recommendation to you at the November 13 meeting (we can't wait any longer!).

Suggestion Discussed to Invoice the DNR for Beaver Removals


Bill Watkins commented that the HCRC just paid \$500.00 for the removal of beavers that were building dams blocking culverts. He said we should bill the DNR for reimbursement. The board concurred, but didn't feel it would do any good.

Meeting Adjourned – 11:03 a.m.

As there was no further business, the chair declared the meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.



Chairman



Clerk

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