

HILLSDALE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

August 24, 2017

MINUTES

Meeting was called to order by Chair Bill Watkins on Thursday, August 24, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. at the road commission office.

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

Staff present: John Sanders, Manager & Angela Lawler, Secretary.

Staff absent: Marilyn Kilpatrick, Clerk.

Visitors present: Julie Games, County Commissioner, Bob Eichler, Scipio Township and Andy Barrand, Hillsdale daily News.

**Agenda Approved with additions**

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

**Limited Public Comment**

At 10:05 a.m., the chairman opened the meeting to limited public comment. Bob Eichler, Scipio Township resident was present for the meeting to discuss issues with gravel roads in Scipio Township. The road commission recently made improvements on some of their gravel roads by putting a “crown” back into the roads. Since that time we have scraped these gravel roads and they are starting to lose the “crown” and now the water isn’t flowing away from the road. He’d like the “crown” put back into the roads.

**Meeting with Association Officers**

The Association Officers, Jim Koers, David Cook and Chet Briner thanked the board for the extended time off for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. The officers also wanted to know the status of the labor dispute regarding the GPS system. Mr. Koers overheard a conversation where there was an issue with one of our county roads and that issue was fixed immediately. Why can’t we resolve the GPS issue in the same manner? The board replied that the case is out of our hands and the attorneys are working together on resolving the issue. No further action was taken at this time.

**Hudson Dairy & Briskey Brothers Hauling Discussed**

Bob Godfrey has received several complaints from Ransom Township regarding Briskey Brothers tanker trucks hauling liquid manure and damaging county roads. Mr. Sanders said that he tracked several of the trucks and they were not speeding and didn’t appear to be overloaded. Mr. Sanders placed a call to the MSP motor carrier officer and they investigated the situation and weighted several of the Briskey Brothers trucks. The trucks were all legal and were not overloaded. In fact, most of the trucks were underweight.

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**Minutes Approved**

Having reviewed the minutes of the August 3, 2017 regular 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**

#17-094 Mike Parney moved, Bill Watkins seconded, to confirm the payment of the regular payroll dated 8/10/17 in the amount of \$86,716.68 and regular payroll dated 8/24/17 in the amount of \$88,769.99 as authorized by the manager and the clerk. Motion carried.

**CONFIRMATION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AS AUTHORIZED BY THE STAFF**

#17-095 Bill Watkins moved, Mike Parney seconded, to confirm the payments of bills in the amount of \$302,984.25 and electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$30,668.61 for a total of \$333,652.86 per Accounts Payable Check Register dated 8/17/2017 as authorized by the manager and the clerk. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report Presented**

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

Beginning Balance-Cash & Investments	\$2,506,071.94
Receipts	\$ 27,812.81
Disbursements:	(\$ 420,369.54)
Ending Cash & Investments Balance	\$ 2,113,515.21
Less: Bonds in Escrow	(\$ 18,250.00)
Less: Reserved CD SMBT	(\$ 300,595.15)
Ending Available Fund Balance	\$ 1,794,670.06

Note: Outstanding Accounts Payable=\$44,575.68

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

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**2017-2018 Winter Salt Prices Reviewed**

The board and the manager reviewed the new salt prices received on 8/14/17 for the 2017-2018 winter season.

2017/18 price	\$42.51
Last year's price	\$53.04
Difference	\$10.53

**Annual Road Mileage Certification Reviewed**

The board and manager reviewed the Annual Road Mileage Certification from MDOT. There were no changes in the report.


**BIDS AWARDED FOR TWO 3-4 CYD DUMP BOXES & HOISTS –  
KNAPHEIDE TRUCK EQUIPMENT**

The board reviewed the bids opened on 8/17/17 for two dump bodies and hoists for the new one ton trucks. The manager and garage foreman recommended that the bid be awarded to Knapheide Truck Equipment as they have the best overall stainless steel box that suits our needs.

#17-096 Mike Parney moved, Bill Watkins seconded, to award the bid for two 3-4 cyd dump boxes and hoists to Knapheide Truck Equipment at a cost of \$9,875.00 each. Motion carried.

**Meeting Adjourned – 11:15 a.m.**

As there was no further business, the chair declared the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

  
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Chair

  
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Secretary

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