

SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
332N EAST ROAD, MANISTIQUE, MI 49854
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
November 27, 2024 - 7:00 a.m.

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1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes
6. Public Comment
7. Unfinished Business:
 - A. Policy F8.00 Investment Policy
8. New Business:
 - A. Vouchers 25-8 & 25-9
 - B. September Financial Statements
 - C. Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement
 - D. 2024 Watkins Ross OPEB Report
9. Manager's Report
10. Engineer's Report
11. Department Heads
12. Meeting Notices:
 - A. Regular Board Meeting December 18, 2024 (moved from December 25th)
13. Public Comment
14. Adjournment

1. Call Meeting to Order

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman T. Klarich at 7:00 am.

2. Roll Call: The roll was called for the Commissioners.

Present: Thomas Klarich
Robin LaCroix
Randy Lund

Absent: Dale DuFour (joined meeting at 7:19)
Keith Rochefort

Also in Attendance: Jean Vanderville, Managing Director; Ian Stampfly, Road Engineer; Tanya Hoar, Finance Director; Ann Peterson, Payroll / HR Coordinator; Troy Bassett, County Commissioner

3. Pledge of Allegiance: The pledge was recited.

4. Approval of Agenda:

It was moved by Commissioner R. Lund, seconded by Commissioner R. LaCroix, to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Three

Nays: None

Motion Carried

5. Approval of Minutes:

Regular Meeting 11-13-24:

It was moved by Commissioner R. LaCroix, seconded by Commissioner R. Lund, to approve the minutes from 11-13-24 as presented.

Ayes: Three

Nays: None

Motion Carried

6. Public Comment: None

7. Unfinished Business:

- A. Policy F8.00 Investment Policy – T. Hoar reported that she will be meeting with Heather LaLonde and Jane Bridges at the courthouse to discuss next week.

8. New Business:

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A. Vouchers 25-8 & 25-9:

Voucher 25-8:

It was moved by Commissioner R. Lund, seconded by Commissioner R. LaCroix, to approve Voucher 25-8 as presented.

Roll Call:

Lund – Yes

LaCroix – Yes

Klarich – Yes

Absent: Two (D. DuFour and K. Rochefort)

Motion Carried

Absent:

Voucher 25-9:

It was moved by Commissioner R. LaCroix, seconded by Commissioner T. Klarich, to approve Voucher 25-9 as presented.

Roll Call:

LaCroix – Yes

Klarich – Yes

Lund – Abstain

Absent: Two (D. DuFour and K. Rochefort)

Motion Carried

B. September Financial Statements: T. Hoar provided an overview of the September Financial Statements.

It was moved by Commissioner R. LaCroix, seconded by Commissioner R. Lund, to approve the September Financial Statements as presented.

Ayes: Three

Nays: None

Motion Carried

C. Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement: T. Hoar provided an overview of the MERS Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement, outlining the recent changes made, specifically under the 'Customize Definition of Compensation Addendum'.

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It was moved by Commissioner R. LaCroix, seconded by Commissioner R. Lund, to approve the updated Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement as presented.

Roll Call:

LaCroix – Yes

Lund – Yes

Klarich – Yes

Absent: Two (D. DuFour and K. Rochefort)

Motion Carried

D. 2024 Watkins Ross OPEB Report: T. Hoar provided an overview of the 2024 Watkins Ross OPEB Report. She recommended that we continue to pay retiree health insurance costs with Constellation Trust Funds at year-end.

9. Manager's Report:

RTF Email Vote: Ryan had reached out to let us know that funding for State D had been updated resulting in a need to change our funding allocations for JN #214902 CR 453 Peterson to M149. The email vote passed, and the new funding allocation is STP (Fed) \$93,481, State D \$31,816, and local match \$41,003.

Office of Rail: J. Vanderville submitted the request form for an extension of time to place pavement markings at the CR 434 crossing. PK was unable to get us on the schedule for the 2024 season. We are on the list for scheduling in 2025.

Federal and Non-Federal Aid Road Rating: CUPPAD has requested our intent to participate in road rating for 2025. We will be participating in both federal and non-federal. Federal aid is covered by CUPPAD, and the non-federal aid is reimbursable on a first-come first-served basis.

Winter First Aid Training: Manistique Public safety will be providing winter first aid training on December 4th. This will cover our new tourniquets, heat blankets, cold weather stress, etc.

PA152: J. Vanderville noted that PA152 is a hot topic at this time. Speaker Elect Matt Hall has recommended \$2.7B in road funding to Governor Whitmer. Discussion was held regarding PA152.

10. Engineer's Report:

Township Work: J. Vanderville attended the Manistique Township meeting for I. Stampfly, and the township wants to see a five-year plan or priority list for projects to consider. I. Stampfly will work on that this winter and present it to them this coming spring or summer. They are not planning to do any projects this coming summer due to paying for the new tanker engine.

Ian attended Hiawatha Township's meeting and asked the board if they would like to do some projects next year. The board asked to see estimates for Evergreen Drive, West Tennant Drive (this will include a small portion of Riverview Drive as well to utilize their budget), Leduc Road (and others nearby to utilize the budget), and Beckman Road from Dawson Road and CR-440. He will be presenting these estimates to them at their December meeting.

FLAP Projects: I. Stampfly received news from MDOT that our FLAP grants will be funded this year. FHWA is supposed to transfer the funds around February at which point MDOT can obligate and proceed with the bid letting process. He has a plan package already created and submitted to MDOT; he just needs to update a couple of documents before February. He will update the board when he knows when the projects will be let.

Forest Service Meeting: J. Vanderville and I. Stampfly had a meeting with the Hiawatha Forest Engineer and West Zone Engineer that was very productive. They discussed ways to partner on future projects, possible funding that we can receive like a grant through the forest service for culvert improvements, and gravel crushing in a pit the forest will be developing.

11. Department Heads:

Tanya Hoar: None

Troy Bassett: Reported there was a meeting yesterday regarding bonding for the lakes, which would require about \$15k in legal fees for McDonald and Gulliver Lakes. Indian Lake is paid for, but there is about \$50k left to be raised. He felt it would not be worth bonding out just \$50k. Currently there is \$9,800 available for the carpenter dam that could potentially be used for repairs.

There was a safety meeting held at the school that cited concerns for safety officer coverage. The county pays \$17k and the school pays \$17k for Jim Snyder to provide coverage. However, he ends up putting in extra time without pay. They are looking at paying \$80k for coverage of the four area schools.

The next county board meeting will be held on December 3rd.

Ann Peterson: Reported that Bryan Hochberg and Bill Carpenter will begin Monday, December 2nd, with Bryan in Manistique and Bill in Seney.


Reported that the new Colonial Life health coverage has 17 participants.

12. Meeting Notices: Regular Board Meeting December 18, 2024 (moved from December 25th).

13. Public Comment: None

14. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 am.

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Thomas Klarich, Chairperson


Jean Vanderville, Managing Director