

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2019 4:02PM | *Meeting called to order by* Roy D'Antonio

In Attendance

Roy D'Antonio	Dan Peterson	John Matonich	Kevin Haustein	Dennis Skinner
Barry Bolich	Patti Hagstrom	11 Public Attendees		

Excused

Phil Strong

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Peterson, 2nd by Skinner; all in favor, none opposed.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Matonich, 2nd by Haustein; all in favor, none opposed.

- Finance Meeting of Monday, October 14, 2019
- Regular Meeting of Monday, October 14, 2019

Public Comment

Dino and Roberta Giannola read comments from other concerned individuals expressing opposition to the pit and provided the secretary with a copy to be shared with the Board. Roberta also expressed her concerns regarding the health and wellbeing of her family and business.

Jim Williams, Tribal Chairman with the LVD Band, read his letter expressing concern regarding the pit. This letter will be placed in the file.

Manager Report

This report was presented, discussed and will be made part of the recorded minutes. No action was taken.

Engineer Report

This report was presented, discussed and will be made part of the recorded minutes. No action was taken.

Old Business

- a) Pit 602 ~ An interview with WLUC TV out of Marquette will be held on Tuesday, October 29, 2019. Mike Foley, Coleman Engineering, gave a presentation on the pit. He discussed the construction of the new entrance along with prospected changes to the pit in 1 year, 10 years and 80 years. John Matonich reconfirmed that Mr. Foley was showing the capacity of gravel not the production of gravel in the pit. Mr. Matonich stated that this pit will not be a commercial pit and any gravel produced will be used by the GCRC only. He also reconfirmed that the elevation of the floor will be raised to further protect the ground water. Mike Foley then presented data on sight stopping distances. Roy D'Antonio asked if the new entrance is shown on the presentation and asked if gravel could be extracted further from the road. Mike Foley indicated that the new entrance is not identified on the presentation and that extraction would start approximately 50' from the road.

New Business

- a) West End Foreman ~ There were 5 current employees of the GCRC that were interviewed. Mr. Bolich recommended and has offered the position to Jefferson Lekies.
- b) Michigan State Department of Treasury ~ Correspondence has been received regarding the underfunded status of the Gogebic County Employee Retirement System (GCRC). Discussion took place and the secretary will gather additional information. A meeting with the GCRC Retirement Committee will be held to develop a plan to address the underfunded status. A final Application for Waiver and Plan will be presented for approval to the Board at a future meeting.

Public Comment

Dino Giannola asked each member to look into the mirror and ask themselves if they would want a gravel pit across from their home. He added that his comments and concerns should not be taken personally. He expressed that he disagrees with the sight stopping distance data presented and that his home and business were not identified in regard to the proximity of the pit on the presentation materials.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 4:55PM by Matonich, 2nd by Haustein; all in favor, none opposed.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS

SECRETARY

CHAIR