

# REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

## GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2019 4:03PM | *Meeting called to order by* Roy D'Antonio

### In Attendance

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| Roy D'Antonio | Dan Peterson   | John Matonich | Kevin Haustein      | Dennis Skinner |
| Barry Bolich  | Patti Hagstrom | Phil Strong   | 12 Public Attendees |                |

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Haustein, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matonich; all in favor, none opposed.

### Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

- Finance Meeting of Monday, December 9, 2019
- Regular Meeting of Monday, December 9, 2019

### Public Comment

Dino Giannola from the Watersmeet Trout Hatchery expressed his concerns regarding traffic, the trout ponds, noise, dust, the buffer zone and his business.

Peggy Tuttle stated that using this pit for gravel will destroy the livelihood of the hatchery and the area surrounding it. She feels opening this pit is a huge error.

Richard Brander an adjoining property owner asked about the entrances to the pit. He added that opening this pit will affect the water source and will have an impact on his 8-acre pond.

Mark Picard a property owner asked if the impact of the water, land and additional traffic in the vicinity were considered during the planning of opening the pit. He added that using this pit will affect the health, safety and welfare of the residents. He asked what the cost will be to the GCRC and the taxpayers to open and use this pit. He asked if an impact study was done regarding contamination, noise, dust, water and soils. He asked if State & Federal permits were obtained. He questioned the lack in public notifications regarding the pit.

Steve Crabill stated that the change in water temperature will have an impact on the trout at the hatchery. He commented on the difficulty of pulling out of his own driveway with his boat along this roadway because of the traffic.

Julie Mathiesen introduced herself stating that she will become the Watersmeet Township Clerk on January 1, 2020. She commented on the great job widening Cisco Lake Road from the latest storms. She added that Mike Rogers would like documents kept at the township regarding the gravel pit. She requested copies of permits for soil erosion, etc.

Dino asked if a meeting regarding the pit was held with the Tribe. He was advised that a meeting was held.

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## Manager Report

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

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## Engineer Report

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

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## Old Business

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- a) USFS Tony Holland ~ This item will be tabled until Tony Holland can be in attendance.
- b) Pit 602 ~ Barry Bolich expressed the importance of this pit to the county. Phil Strong gave a recap on the development/plans for the pit. An in-depth discussion of the Board took place and answers to the public's earlier questions were addressed. The public attendees were invited to contact Barry and/or Phil to answer any additional questions they may have regarding the pit. The Board advised Phil to keep the Township updated on any developments regarding this pit.
- c) Administrative Wage Recommendations ~ A committee met to discuss wage recommendations for the administrative staff. A motion to accept these recommendations was made by Haustein, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peterson; roll call taken: Ayes ~ Peterson, Haustein, Skinner, Matonich & D'Antonio, Nays ~ none.
- d) Meyerson v. GCRC ~ Barry Bolich advised the Board that the Prosecuting Attorney is handling this complaint and a hearing is scheduled for January 10, 2020.
- e) Coleman Engineering/Black River Road Billing ~ There has been an overbilling of certain scope items. Phil recommended to pay Coleman for the work already billed and with the scope changes, he feels paying an additional \$8.4k in scope work is fair compensation for the work performed. Discussion took place no action was taken.
- f) Old M-28 (Betz) ~ Correspondence was received from Allen and Tim Betz on December 16, 2019 and December 21, 2019. This correspondence was accepted and will be placed on file. Discussion took place. It was agreed to comply with ACT 51 and maintain this road as a Priority 4 road.

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## New Business

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- a) Letter of Appreciation Retiree ~ This letter was presented for signatures by the Board.
- b) Coleman Engineering Pit 602 Proposal for Site Preparation & Crushing ~ A motion to accept the proposal with the understanding that any plans/specifications prepared will be brought back to the Board for approval was made by Matonich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peterson; roll call: Ayes ~ Peterson, Matonich, Skinner, Haustein & D'Antonio, Nays ~ None. It was noted that there were some dates that needed to be changed on the presented proposal.

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## Public Comment

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Richard Brander advised the Board that there is a road through his property that also enters Pit 602. This will be researched.

Steve Crabill asked how often the pit will be used and how much gravel will be produced. The estimated production will be every 2 to 4 years and approximately 5,000 to 10,000 tons of gravel will be removed every year. He also requested having the traffic counters placed at different times of the year to measure the changes in traffic.

Dino Giannola also requested that traffic counts be taken during the tourist season.

Julie Mathiesen again requested documents regarding the pit so the township can have information on hand for the residents.

Mark Picard asked if any of the reports/permits were available to the public. He again questioned the cost and the advantage to the county by opening this pit. He requested the details of the environmental impact.

Garth Stengard, Coleman Engineering, wished everyone "Happy Holidays".

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Adjourn

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Motion to adjourn was made at 5:34PM by Matonich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Haustein; all in favor, none opposed.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS

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CHAIR