

# REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

## GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026, 10:03AM | *Meeting called to order by* Barry Bolich  
This meeting was held at the Gogebic County Road Commission office

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### In Attendance

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Barry Bolich	James Estola	John Matonich	Dennis Skinner (via web)	John Zorich
Garth Stengard	Phil Strong	Patti Hagstrom	5 Public Attendees	

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### Pledge of Allegiance

### Approval of Agenda

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

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### Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

- Finance Meeting of Tuesday, January 13, 2026
  - Organizational & Regular Meeting of Tuesday, January 13, 2026
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### Public Comment

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None

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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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- Winter Maintenance ~ The Board was updated on how the routes are being prioritized between the active employees.
- Xcel Energy Easement ~ The Easement for Electric (Transmission) or (Distribution) Line for Puritan Road was presented. Motion to approve the easement was made by Matonich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Estola; roll call: Ayes ~ Estola, Matonich, Zorich & Bolich, Nays ~ none.
- Salary Review ~ Motion to pay Scott Cebolski the same wage as Joey Corullo was made by Matonich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Estola; roll call: Ayes ~ Estola, Matonich, Zorich & Bolich, Nays ~ none.

- a) 2026 Buck Lake Road Bridge Construction Engineering Proposal ~ 4 proposals were submitted. Motion to accept and award the proposal from Benesch in the amount of \$188,503.20 was made by Zorich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Estola; roll call: Ayes ~ Estola, Zorich, Matonich & Bolich, Nays ~ none.
- b) East Shore Road MDOT Agreement ~ Motion to accept the contract, authorize the electronic signatures of Chair Bolich & Vice-Chair Estola and adopt the following resolution was made by Estola, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Zorich; roll call: Ayes ~ Zorich, Estola, Matonich & Bolich, Nays ~ none

*RESOLUTION*

*BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gogebic County Board of Road Commissioners does hereby accept and approve for signature of Chair Bolich and Vice-Chair Estola, the agreement between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Gogebic County Road Commission for the following project:*

*STL 2700; JOB #214919CON; CONTRACT #25-5694:*

*Hot mix asphalt full depth reclamation, emulsified asphalt stabilized base, hot mix asphalt paving, aggregate shoulders and permanent pavement markings along East Shore Road from M-64 to Trout Creek Road; and all together with necessary related work.*

- c) Buck Lake Road Bridge MDOT Agreement ~ Motion to accept the contract, authorize the electronic signatures of Chair Bolich & Vice-Chair Estola and adopt the following resolution was made by Estola, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Zorich; roll call: Ayes ~ Zorich, Estola, Matonich & Bolich, Nays ~ none

*RESOLUTION*

*BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gogebic County Board of Road Commissioners does hereby accept and approve for signature of Chair Bolich and Vice-Chair Estola, the agreement between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Gogebic County Road Commission for the following project:*

*BFPO 27000; JOB #220671CON; CONTRACT #25-5637:*

*The removal and replacement of the structure #3032 with type II prestressed concrete I-beams and cast-in-place concrete abutments with steel H-piles, which carries Buck Lake Road over the Middle Branch of the Ontonagon River, Section 13, T45N, R39W, Watersmeet Township, Gogebic County, Michigan; including earthwork, tree removal, hot mix asphalt approach, concrete bridge approach, curb and gutter, aggregate surface course and shoulder, bridge railing, guardrail, riprap, permanent signing and pavement markings; and all together with necessary related work.*

- d) Watersmeet Township 4<sup>th</sup> Street Abandonment Petition ~ The petition was presented to the Board. Motion to allow Garth Stengard, Manager, to sign the petition on behalf of the Gogebic County Road Commission as identified as an abutting owner of the proposed property was made by Matonich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Estola; roll call: Ayes ~ Estola, Matonich, Zorich & Bolich, Nays ~ none. Motion to approve the petition and approve the following resolution was made by Estola, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Zorich; roll call: Ayes ~ Zorich, Estola, Matonich & Bolich, Nays ~ none

*RESOLUTION*

*WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Section 18, Chapter IV, Act No. 283 of the Public Acts of 1909, as amended, this Board may absolutely abandon and discontinue any portion of road under its jurisdiction; and*

*WHEREAS, a parcel of land being part of 4<sup>th</sup> Street Between Block 28 and 29 of the First Addition to the Village of Watersmeet Plat of Gogebic County, Michigan is under the jurisdiction of the Gogebic County Road Commission; and*

*WHEREAS, the Road Commission was petitioned over seven freeholders of Ironwood Township to abandon the above described alley right-of-way; and*

*WHEREAS, the presented petition contains the signatures of all of the owners of record and occupants of land abutting the aforementioned alley, as ascertained from the records in the office of the register of deeds, the Road Commission Board has within 20 days of receiving petition to grant or deny the petition without further proceedings; and*

*WHEREAS, the majority were in favor of the above described abandonment;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that said public alley right-of-way and the same is hereby absolutely abandoned and discontinued and shall cease to exist as a public alley right-of-way; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board hereby determines that it is to be the best interest of the public that the above described alley be absolutely abandoned and discontinued and that said alley is hereby absolutely abandoned and discontinued*

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### Public Comment

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Joey Corullo stated that Willian Chiapuzio is plowing 519 North, Blackjack & Indianhead Roads.

Kelsey Roble thanked the Board for the opportunity to provide a proposal for the Buck Lake Road Bridge. She added that the road in front of the Powderhorn Lodge needs snow removal attention.

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### Adjourn

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Motion to adjourn was made at 10:35AM by Matonich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Zorich; all in favor, none opposed.

## BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS

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SECRETARY

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CHAIR