

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026, 1:02PM | *Meeting called to order by* Barry Bolich
This meeting was held at the Gogebic County Road Commission office

In Attendance

Barry Bolich	James Estola	John Matonich	Dennis Skinner	John Zorich
Garth Stengard	Phil Strong	Patti Hagstrom	6 Public Attendees	

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda with the change of moving NB. d) MEDC Resolution to before Approval of Meeting Minutes was made by Zorich, 2nd by Skinner; all in favor, none opposed.

New Business

- d) MEDC CR519 North Grant Resolution ~ Motion to adopt the following resolution was made by Matonich, 2nd by Skinner; roll call: Ayes ~ Skinner, Matonich, Zorich, Estola & Bolich, Nays ~ none.

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RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

MICHIGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION STRATEGIC SITE READINESS PROGRAM GRANT REQUEST FOR CR 519 NORTH

WHEREAS, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) is considering providing grant funds in the amount of \$5,028,309 from the Strategic Site Readiness Program (SSRP); and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is providing an additional \$7,542,463 from the Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF) Category A grant to Gogebic County Road Commission for the CR 519 North road improvement project that directly supports the Copperwood Mine Operations; and

WHEREAS, the Gogebic County Road Commission has determined that CR 519 North needs an upgrade; and

WHEREAS, the Highland Copper expressed that upgrading CR 519 North will provide all-season access for the mining operations site, while improving safety and reliability for daily road users; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gogebic County Road Commission Board hereby authorizes the grant request for a MEDC SSRP funding for CR 519 North; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Gogebic County Road Commission Board authorizes Garth Stengard P.E., Gogebic County Road Commission Manager, to authorize the grant award for CR 519 North and to be designated as the authorized agent for all activities associated with securing and accepting any funding.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

- Finance Meeting of Tuesday, August 11, 2026
- Regular Meeting of Tuesday, August 11, 2026

Public Comment

None

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) RTF FY27-FY29 Projects ~ Phil Strong presented his recommended changes to the RTF projects. Discussion took place. No action was taken.

New Business

- a) MDOT Maintenance Contract Resolution ~ Motion to accept and adopt the following resolution was made by Skinner, 2nd by Estola; roll call: Ayes ~ Estola, Skinner, Zorich, Matonich & Bolich, Nays ~ none.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation (“MDOT”) has presented a contract between MDOT and the Gogebic County Road Commission under which the Road Commission would perform maintenance on state trunkline highways within Gogebic County for the time period beginning on October 1, 2026 and ending on September 30, 2031; and

WHEREAS, MDOT has affirmatively found that contracting with the Gogebic County Road Commission for the maintenance of State Trunk Line highways and bridges within Gogebic County, is in the best public interest; and

WHEREAS, the Gogebic County Road Commission concurs in MDOT’s finding that it is in the best public interest to contract with the Gogebic County Road Commission for the maintenance of State Trunk Line highways and bridges within Gogebic County for the reason that the Road Commission has a proven record of efficiently providing a high level of service on State Trunkline Highways within Gogebic County; and

WHEREAS, the Gogebic County Road Commission has reviewed the terms of the contract; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gogebic County Road Commission hereby accepts and agrees to enter into the State Trunkline Maintenance Contract presented by MDOT with Barry Bolich, Chair as the authorized signatory of the State Trunkline Maintenance Contract.

- b) Wakefield Township Agreement ~ Motion to accept and approve the agreement to add gravel for 0.7 miles on Lower Indianhead Road in the amount of \$56,000 was made by Zorich, 2nd by Skinner; roll call: Ayes ~ Skinner, Zorich, Matonich, Estola & Bolich, Nays ~ none.
- c) Watersmeet Township Agreement ~ Motion to accept and approve the agreement to crack fill 2nd street, 3rd Street, C Avenue, D Avenue, Misery Bay Road and West Moon Lake Road in the amount of \$13,800 was made by Matonich, 2nd by Estola; roll call: Ayes ~ Estola, Matonich, Skinner, Zorich & Bolich, Nays ~ none.

Public Comment

None

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 1:33 PM by Estola, 2nd by Zorich; all in favor, none opposed.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS

SECRETARY

CHAIR