

ORGANIZATIONAL & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025, 10:03AM | *Meeting called to order by Patti Hagstrom*
This meeting was held at the Gogebic County Road Commission office

In Attendance

Barry Bolich	John Matonich	John Zorich	James Estola
Garth Stengard	Phil Strong	Patti Hagstrom	5 Public Attendees

Excused

Dennis Skinner (via web)

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

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

Nominations for Board Seats

With this being the organizational meeting for calendar year 2025, Secretary Hagstrom opened the floor for nominations for Chair. Motion by Matonich, 2nd by Estola that Barry Bolich be nominated Chair. 2 additional calls for nominations for Chair were made. Matonich moved, 2nd by Estola to close the nominations for Chair and requested a unanimous roll call vote: Ayes ~ Estola, Matonich, Zorich & Bolich, Nays ~ none. Barry Bolich was thereupon elected to serve as Chair for calendar year 2025.

Secretary Hagstrom opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chair. Motion by Zorich that Dennis Skinner be nominated Vice-Chair, motion was not supported. Motion by Bolich, 2nd by Matonich that James Estola be nominated Vice-Chair. 1 additional call for nominations for Vice-Chair was made. Bolich moved, 2nd by Matonich to close the nominations for Vice-Chair and requested a unanimous roll call vote: Ayes ~ Matonich, Bolich, Zorich & Estola, Nays ~ none. James Estola was thereupon elected to serve as Vice-Chair for calendar year 2025.

Secretary Hagstrom opened the floor for nominations for Secretary to the Board. Motion by Matonich, 2nd by Estola that Patti Hagstrom be nominated Secretary to the Board. 2 additional calls for nominations for Secretary were made. Matonich moved, 2nd by Estola to close the nominations for Secretary and requested a unanimous roll call vote: Ayes ~ Estola, Matonich, Zorich & Bolich, Nays ~ none. Patti Hagstrom was thereupon elected to serve as Secretary to the Board for calendar year 2025.

Motion was made by Zorich, 2nd by Estola; roll call: Ayes ~ Estola, Zorich, Matonich & Bolich, Nays ~ none; to the following:

- Adopt Roberts Rules of Order
- Agenda items must be requested by the end of the business day on the Thursday before the scheduled meeting. This excludes emergency situations.
- Allow the Chair to make motions for new business.
- The Chair will be the last voting member upon roll call votes from the Board.
- Incredible Bank as the financial institution as set through the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners.
- Approve the 2025 schedule for the Finance & Regular meetings. A motion by Estola, 2nd by Bolich to change the Finance & Regular meetings from every 2nd and 4th Monday at 10AM to every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 10am. All in favor, none opposed.

The meeting was then turned over to Chair Bolich.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

- Finance Meeting of Monday, December 23, 2024
- Regular Meeting of Monday, December 23, 2024

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

NONE

New Business

- a) Letter of Appreciation for Roy D'Antonio ~ This letter was passed for signatures.

- b) MDOT ER Culvert Agreement ~ Motion was made by Estola, 2nd by Zorich, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Zorich, Estola, Matonich & Bolich to accept the contract, authorize the electronic signatures of Chair Bolich and Vice-Chair Estola and adopt the following resolution:

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:

PART A - JOB #220559CON – FEDERAL PARTICIPATION CONTRACT #24-5510:

Culvert replacement along Black River Road at Reed Creek; including clearing, earthwork, hot mix asphalt surface removal and paving, subbase, aggregate base and shoulders, guardrail, riprap, contractor staking and permanent pavement markings; and all together with necessary related work.

PART B - JOB #220562CON – FEDERAL PARTICIPATION CONTRACT #24-5510:

Culvert replacement along Powderhorn Road at the tributary to Powdermill Creek near Alpen Road and culvert replacement along Powderhorn Road near Powderville Road; including earthwork, hot mix asphalt surface removal and paving, subbase, aggregate base and shoulders, riprap, contractor staking and permanent pavement markings; and all together with necessary related work.

PART C - JOB #220566CON – FEDERAL PARTICIPATION CONTRACT #24-5510:

Culvert replacement along Junet Road at Welch Creek; including earthwork, hot mix asphalt surface removal and paving, subbase, aggregate base and shoulders, guardrail, riprap, contractor staking and permanent pavement markings; and all together with necessary related work.

- c) MDOT ER HMA Paving Agreement ~ Motion was made by Matonich, 2nd by Zorich, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Zorich, Matonich, Estola & Bolich to accept the contract, authorize the electronic signatures of Chair Bolich and Vice-Chair Estola and adopt the following resolution:

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:

PART A - JOB #220563CON – FEDERAL PARTICIPATION CONTRACT #24-5505:

Hot mix asphalt shoulder rehabilitation along Junet Road from Olson Road southerly approximately 165 feet, including surface removal, earthwork, aggregate base and shoulder, geotextile stabilization, hot mix asphalt paving and permanent pavement markings; and all together with necessary related work.

PART B - JOB #220565CON – FEDERAL PARTICIPATION CONTRACT #24-5505:

Hot mix asphalt lane and shoulder reconstruction along Airport Road from Vanderhagen Road to Black River Road, including base crushing and shaping, earthwork, aggregate base and shoulders, hot mix asphalt paving and permanent pavement markings; and all together with necessary related work.

Public Comment

Dan Siirila thanked the Board for allowing the use of the skid steer/broom for the snowmobile races at the fairgrounds.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 10:28AM by Matonich, 2nd by Estola; all in favor, none opposed.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS

SECRETARY

CHAIR

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025, 10:01AM | *Meeting called to order by Barry Bolich*
This meeting was held at the Gogebic County Road Commission office

In Attendance

Barry Bolich	John Matonich	John Zorich	
Garth Stengard	Phil Strong	Patti Hagstrom	5 Public Attendees

Excused

James Estola	Dennis Skinner (via web)
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Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda with the following addition: NB. e. Weight Restricted Bridges was made by Zorich, 2nd by Matonich; all in favor, none opposed.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

- Finance Meeting of Monday, January 13, 2025
- Organizational & Regular Meeting of Monday, January 13, 2025

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) OPEB Trust Designee Changes ~ The Board was advised of the changes of designees who are named as Garth Stengard, Patricia Hagstrom and Barry Bolich to the Trust Board as identified in the resolution of 2019. No action was needed.

New Business

- a) Colligo GIS 2025 GIS Mapping Service ~ Motion to accept the proposal from Coleman Engineering was made by Matonich, 2nd by Zorich; roll call: Ayes ~ Zorich, Matonich & Bolich, Nays ~ none.
- b) Colligo GIS 2025 ACT51 Certification Mapping Service ~ Motion to accept the proposal from Coleman Engineering was made by Zorich, 2nd by Matonich; roll call: Ayes ~ Matonich, Zorich & Bolich, Nays ~ none.
- c) Permit Fees ~ Discussion took place on the proposed fee changes. No action was taken. A Public Hearing will be held at the February 11, 2025 meeting.
- d) Administrative Evaluation Policy ~ Discussion took place. No action was taken.
- e) Weight Restricted Bridges ~ Phil advised the Board that there are 4 bridges that will need to be posted for weight restrictions - #2981 Lake Road over Mud Creek, #3000 Thayer Road over Cisco Branch of the Ontonagon River, #3024 Planter Road over Jackson Creek and #3025 Indianhead Valley over Jackson Creek. Discussion took place and a press release will be made regarding this matter.

Public Comment

John Zorich asked about the usage of sand for winter maintenance

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 10:40AM by Matonich, 2nd by Zorich; all in favor, none opposed.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS

SECRETARY

CHAIR

REGULAR & PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES

GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025, 10:02AM | *Meeting called to order by Barry Bolich*
This meeting was held at the Gogebic County Road Commission office

In Attendance

Barry Bolich	John Matonich	James Estola	John Zorich
Garth Stengard	Patti Hagstrom	6 Public Attendees	

Excused

Dennis Skinner (via web)	Phil Strong
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Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

- Finance Meeting of Tuesday, January 28, 2025
- Regular Meeting of Tuesday, January 28, 2025

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) PUBLIC HEARING on Permit Fees ~ Motion to open the public hearing at 10:09AM was made by Matonich, 2nd by Zorich; roll call: Ayes ~ Zorich, Matonich, Estola & Bolich, Nays ~ none. Discussion took place. Dan Siirila commented on the fees. Motion to close the public hearing at 10:14AM was made by Matonich, 2nd by Estola; roll call: Ayes ~ Estola, Matonich, Zorich & Bolich, Nays ~ none. Motion to adopt the proposed permit fees was made by Estola, 2nd by Zorich; roll call: Ayes ~ Zorich, Estola, Matonich & Bolich, Nays ~ none.
- b) Administrative Evaluation Policy ~ Motion to approve the policy and revise as needed was made by Matonich, 2nd by Zorich; all in favor, none opposed.
- c) Weight Restricted Bridges ~ Information and maps were presented to the Board. No action was taken.

New Business

- a) Copperwood Mine Update ~ Mike Foley, Highland Copper Site Manager, introduced Dr. Wynand van Dyk, Highland Copper Project Director. Mr. Foley then gave a presentation. No action was needed.
- b) Copperwood Mine Resolution ~ Motion to adopt the following resolution was made by Matonich, 2nd by Estola; roll call: Ayes ~ Estola, Matonich, Zorich & Bolich; Nays ~ none.

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

**FOR THE COPPERWOOD MINE PROJECT BY HIGHLAND COPPER COMPANY
IN GOGEBIC COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

***WHEREAS** the Gogebic County Road Commission supports the development of safe, modern and responsible mining as planned for Highland Copper Company's Copperwood Mine Project located in Ironwood and Wakefield Townships of Gogebic County, Michigan, and;*

***WHEREAS** the Gogebic County Road Commission acknowledges the commitment of Highland Copper Company to maintain their transparent and regular engagement with local and regional communities and remain a positive partner for the region, and;*

***WHEREAS** the Gogebic County Road Commission recognizes the commitment of Highland Copper Company to develop an environmentally sound copper mine that will maximize local employment and will provide expansive economic benefits to the Western Upper Peninsula, contributing to the revitalization of the local and regional economy, and;*

***WHEREAS** the Gogebic County Road Commission acknowledges the critical importance of securing approval of a grant for infrastructure for roads, energy and broadband that provide the infrastructure necessary for local the community's ability to host the mine from the Strategic Outreach and Attraction Reserve Fund through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation Strategic Site Readiness fund.:*

***NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Gogebic County Road Commission fully supports the development of Highland Copper Company's Copperwood Mine Project and the Michigan Economic Develop Corporation Grant.*

- c) Gogebic County Fairgrounds ~ A request from the Gogebic County Fair Board to donate gravel for a paving project was discussed with the Board. No action was taken.

Public Comment

Dan Siirila thanked the Board for the resolution of support for the Copperwood Mine. He also asked that work on the Lake Road bridge across Mud Creek be expedited.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 10:38AM by Estola, 2nd by Matonich; all in favor, none opposed.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS

SECRETARY

CHAIR

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025, 10:01AM | *Meeting called to order by Barry Bolich*
This meeting was held at the Gogebic County Road Commission office

In Attendance

Barry Bolich	John Matonich	James Estola	John Zorich
Garth Stengard	Phil Strong	Patti Hagstrom	2 Public Attendees

Excused

Dennis Skinner (via web)

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Matonich, 2nd by Zorich; roll call: Ayes ~ Zorich, Matonich, Estola & Bolich; Nays ~ none.

- Finance Meeting of Tuesday, February 11, 2025
 - Regular & Public Hearing Meeting of Tuesday, February 11, 2025
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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) Gogebic County Fairground Paving Project ~ Garth advised the Board that this item has been dropped.

New Business

None

Public Comment

None

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 10:14AM by Zorich, 2nd by Matonich; all in favor, none opposed.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS

SECRETARY

CHAIR

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025, 10:02AM | *Meeting called to order by Barry Bolich*
This meeting was held at the Gogebic County Road Commission office

In Attendance

Barry Bolich	John Matonich	James Estola	John Zorich
Garth Stengard	Phil Strong	Patti Hagstrom	5 Public Attendees

Excused

Dennis Skinner (via web)

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

- Finance Meeting of Tuesday, February 25, 2025
- Regular Meeting of Tuesday, February 25, 2025

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

None

- a) MDOT Contract Amendment & Resolution JN220559-220562-220566 ~ Motion to approve the accept the amendment and adopt the following resolution was made by Matonich, 2nd by Zorich; roll call: Ayes ~ Zorich, Matonich, Estola & 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:

PART A - JOB #220559CON – FEDERAL PARTICIPATION CONTRACT #25-5147:

Culvert replacement along Black River Road at Reed Creek; including clearing, earthwork, hot mix asphalt surface removal and paving, subbase, aggregate base and shoulders, guardrail, riprap, contractor staking and permanent pavement markings; and all together with necessary related work.

PART B - JOB #220562CON – FEDERAL PARTICIPATION CONTRACT #25-5147:

Culvert replacement along Powderhorn Road at the tributary to Powdermill Creek near Alpen Road and culvert replacement along Powderhorn Road near Powderville Road; including earthwork, hot mix asphalt surface removal and paving, subbase, aggregate base and shoulders, riprap, contractor staking and permanent pavement markings; and all together with necessary related work.

PART C - JOB #220566CON – FEDERAL PARTICIPATION CONTRACT #25-5147:

Culvert replacement along Junet Road at Welch Creek; including earthwork, hot mix asphalt surface removal and paving, subbase, aggregate base and shoulders, guardrail, riprap, contractor staking and permanent pavement markings; and all together with necessary related work.

- b) Local Bridge Grant Application Resolution ~ Motion to adopt the following resolution was made by Estola, 2nd by Zorich; roll call: Ayes ~ Zorich, Estola, Matonich & Bolich; Nays ~ none.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gogebic County Board of Road Commissioners has determined that the following bridges are in need of replacement, listed in order of priority;

- 1. Replacement of Structure: Lake Road over Mud Creek, Bridge #2981*
- 2. Replacement of Structure: North Thayer Road over Cisco BR Ontonagon River, Bridge #3000*
- 3. Replacement of Structure: Old US-2 over Grosbeck Creek, Bridge #3020*

WHEREAS, these bridges are in need of replacement, and

WHEREAS, these bridges are essential to the road system in Gogebic County, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Road Commissioners have reviewed and are actively seeking participation in the replacement or rehabilitation maintenance of these structures, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Road Commissioners are committing the necessary local funds for design and construction engineering in addition to the local funding match for the construction phase of these projects,

THEREFORE, the Gogebic County Road Commission hereby makes applications for federal and state critical bridge funds to replace or rehabilitative maintenance on such bridges listed by priority.

Public Comment

Kelsey Roble commented on the condition of Snow Strausse Lane.

John Zorich asked about damage to lawns from snowplowing operations.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 10:30AM by Zorich, 2nd by Matonich; all in favor, none opposed.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS

SECRETARY

CHAIR

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025, 10:01AM | *Meeting called to order by Barry Bolich*
This meeting was held at the Gogebic County Road Commission office

In Attendance

Barry Bolich	John Matonich	John Zorich
Phil Strong	Patti Hagstrom	4 Public Attendees

Excused

Dennis Skinner (via web)	James Estola	Garth Stengard
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Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

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

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, March 11, 2025
 - Regular Meeting of Tuesday, March 11, 2025
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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

None

New Business

- a) 2025 ACT 51 Certification Maps ~ Motion to authorize the signature of the Chair on the maps was made by Matonich, 2nd by Zorich; all in favor, none opposed.

Public Comment

None

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 10:14AM by Zorich, 2nd by Matonich; all in favor, none opposed.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS

SECRETARY

CHAIR

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025, 10:01AM | *Meeting called to order by James Estola*

This meeting was held at the Gogebic County Road Commission office

In Attendance

James Estola	John Matonich	John Zorich	
Garth Stengard	Phil Strong	Patti Hagstrom	6 Public Attendees

Excused

Barry Bolich	Dennis Skinner (via web)
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Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

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

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, March 25, 2025
- Regular Meeting of Tuesday, March 25, 2025

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

None

New Business

- a) 2024 Audit Review ~ Karl Ahonen presented his findings from the audit ending 9/30/24. Discussion took place. No action was taken.
- b) Lake Road Project Award ~ One bid was received. Motion to accept and award the bid to Northwoods Paving in the amount of \$412,810.36 was made by Zorich, 2nd by Matonich; roll call: Ayes ~ Matonich, Zorich & Estola, Nays ~ none.
- c) 2025 Patch Paving Award ~ 3 bids were received. Motion to accept and award the bid to Angelo Luppino in the amount of \$41,694.80 was made by Matonich, 2nd by Zorich; roll call: Ayes ~ Zorich, Matonich & Estola, Nays ~ none.
- d) 2025 HMA Award ~ 2 bids were received. Motion to accept and award the bid to Angelo Luppino in the amount of \$364,310.50 was made by Zorich, 2nd by Matonich; roll call: Ayes ~ Matonich, Zorich & Estola, Nays ~ none.

Public Comment

Dan Siirila asked about the plowing operations during the last 2 spring storms.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 10:27AM by Matonich, 2nd by Zorich; all in favor, none opposed.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS

SECRETARY

CHAIR

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025, 10:01AM | *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	John Zorich
Garth Stengard	Patti Hagstrom	5 Public Attendees	

Excused

Dennis Skinner (via phone)	Phil Strong
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Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

- Finance Meeting of Tuesday, April 8, 2025
 - Regular Meeting of Tuesday, April 8, 2025
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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

None

New Business

- a) 2024 ACT 51 Attest Page ~ Motion to approve the signatures of Garth Stengard and Barry Bolich was made by Matonich, 2nd by Estola; all in favor, none opposed.
- b) Letters of Appreciations ~ These letters were passed for signatures. No action needed.
- c) MDOT Indianhead Road Project Resolution ~ Motion was made to accept the contract, authorize the electronic signatures of Chair Bolich and Vice-Chair Estola and adopt the following resolution:

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:

JOB #220998CON – PROJECT 25A0473 - FEDERAL PARTICIPATION CONTRACT #25-5194:

Hot mix asphalt cold-in-place recycling and paving along Indianhead Road from US-2 northerly to Apache Drive, including earthwork, aggregate base and shoulders, guardrail, culvert replacement, riprap, contractor staking and permanent pavement markings; and all together with necessary related work.

- d) Countywide Pavement Markings Bid Award ~ Two bids were received. Motion to accept and award the bid to PK Contracting in the amounts of \$.069 LFT for Centerline Solid Yellow Barrier, \$.069 LFT for Skip-line Markings and \$.069 LFT for Edge-line Solid White Markings was made by Estola, 2nd by Zorich; roll call: Ayes ~ Zorich, Estola, Matonich & Bolich, Nays ~ none.
- e) Countywide Chip Seal Award ~ 3 bids were received. Motion to accept and award the bid to Scott Construction in the amount of \$415,326.30 was made by Matonich, 2nd by Estola; roll call: Ayes ~ Estola, Matonich, Zorich & Bolich, Nays ~ none.

Public Comment

Jerry Hartman requested that he be notified of the construction schedule for the culvert replacements on East Shore Road.

Dan Siirila asked about the pavement marking schedule.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 10:27AM by Zorich, 2nd by Estola; all in favor, none opposed.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS

SECRETARY

CHAIR

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025, 10:01AM | *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	John Zorich	Dennis Skinner
Garth Stengard	Phil Strong	Patti Hagstrom	6 Public Attendees	

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

- Finance Meeting of Tuesday, April 22, 2025
- Regular Meeting of Tuesday, April 22, 2025

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

None

- a) 2025 Colligo Update ~ Phil provided the update. No action was taken.
- b) Lake Road Amendment Resolution ~ Motion was made by Skinner, 2nd by Estola; roll call: Ayes ~ Estola, Skinner, Matonich, Zorich & Bolich, Nays ~ none, to accept the amendment, authorize the electronic signatures of Chair Bolich and Vice-Chair Estola and adopt the following resolution:

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:

JOB #220257CON – EDF 27000 - FEDERAL PARTICIPATION CONTRACT #25-5254:

Hot mix asphalt base crushing, shaping and paving along Lake Road from Margaret Street to Slade Road, including guardrail and permanent pavement markings; and all together with necessary related work.

- c) CR519 ER Project Agreement & Resolution ~ Motion was made by Matonich, 2nd by Estola; roll call: Ayes ~ Estola, Matonich, Zorich, Skinner & Bolich, Nays ~ none, to accept the agreement, authorize the electronic signatures of Chair Bolich and Vice-Chair Estola and adopt the following resolution:

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:

JOB #220564CON – PROJECT 25A0526 – CONTROL SECTION ER 27000:

Hot mix asphalt shoulder rehabilitation along Presque Isle Road/County Road 519 from approximately 1,700 feet south of Jackson Creek to approximately 500 feet south of Jackson Creek, including surface removal, aggregate base and shoulder, ditch cleanout, paving and riprap; and all together with necessary related work.

- d) Cops Mine Road Bridge over Presque Isle River MOU ~ Motion to accept and authorize the signature of Phil Strong on the Memorandum of Understanding for the removal of this bridge was made by Zorich, 2nd by Matonich; roll call: Ayes ~ Matonich, Zorich, Skinner, Estola & Bolich, Nays ~ none.
- e) Coleman Engineering 2025 As Needed Material Testing Services Proposal ~ Motion to accept the proposal and authorize the signature of Phil Strong was made by Matonich, 2nd by Estola; roll call: Ayes ~ Estola, Matonich, Skinner, Zorich & Bolich, Nays ~ none.
- f) CR519N Construction Engineering Proposals ~ Two proposals were received. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from Coleman Engineering in the amount of \$38,881 was made by Skinner, 2nd by Zorich; roll call: Ayes ~ Zorich, Skinner, Estola, Matonich & Bolich, Nays ~ none.
- g) Bulk Fuel Tabulation & Award ~ Two bids were received. Motion to accept and award the bid to Krist Oil Company with the discount amount of \$.15 was made by Estola, 2nd by Zorich; roll call: Ayes ~ Zorich, Estola, Matonich, Skinner & Bolich, Nays ~ none.
- h) Asphalt Emulsion Tabulation & Award ~ One bid was received. Motion to accept and award the bid to H.G. Meigs in the amount of \$2.57 per gallon was made by Estola, 2nd by Matonich; roll call: Ayes ~ Matonich, Estola, Skinner, Zorich & Bolich, Nays ~ none.
- i) Culvert Pipe Tabulation & Award ~ Three bids were received. Motion to accept and award the bid to St. Regis Culvert in the amount of \$18,782 was made by Zorich, 2nd by Skinner; roll call: Ayes ~ Skinner, Zorich, Matonich, Estola & Bolich, Nays ~ none.
- j) Letter of Appreciation ~ This letter was passed for signatures. No action needed.

Public Comment

Lydia Christensen introduced herself as she is running for the US Senate. She expressed her support for improved infrastructure in the UP.

Steve Tiziani asked the Board for a push for the repair of the Lake Road Bridge over Mud Creek.

Kelsy Roble thanked the Board for their continued support to Coleman Engineering. She added that Snow Strauss Lane has a water issue.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 10:55AM by Estola, 2nd by Zorich; all in favor, none opposed.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS

SECRETARY

CHAIR

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2025, 10:01AM | *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	John Zorich	Dennis Skinner
Garth Stengard	Phil Strong	Patti Hagstrom	4 Public Attendees	

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

- Finance Meeting of Tuesday, May 13, 2025
- Regular Meeting of Tuesday, May 13, 2025

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) Vanderhagen Road at Airport Road Drainage Discussion ~ Additional information will be gathered. No action was taken.
- b) 2025 Culvert Bids ~ The Board was advised that this Item i. from the meeting held on May 13 needed to be discussed. The GCRC requested a bid for 87" x 63" Horizontal Elliptical pipe for a specific location and the awarded bidder, St. Regis Culvert provided an alternate bid. Motion to rescind his motion from the May 13 meeting was made by Zorich with Skinner rescinding his 2nd motion; roll call: Ayes ~ Skinner, Zorich, Estola, Matonich & Bolich, Nays ~ none. Motion to accept and award the bid to U.P. Concrete Pipe in the amount of \$21,378.18 was made by Estola, 2nd by Zorich; roll call: Ayes ~ Zorich, Estola, Matonich, Skinner & Bolich, Nays ~ none.

- c) Lake Road Bridge over Mud Creek ~ Discussion took place. No action was taken.

New Business

- a) Gravel Crushing Bids ~ Two bids were received. Motion to accept and award the bid to Northern Crushing & Screening in the amount of \$232,750 was made by Estola, 2nd by Skinner; roll call: Ayes ~ Skinner, Estola, Zorich, Matonich & Bolich, Nays ~ none.
- b) Bridge Inspection Proposals ~ Two proposals were received. Motion to accept and approve the proposal from Ayres Associates in the amount of \$15,350 was made by Matonich, 2nd by Zorich; roll call: Ayes ~ Zorich, Matonich, Skinner, Estola & Bolich, Nays ~ none.
- c) MDOT Engineering Reimbursement ~ Motion to approve the signatures of Barry Bolich, Chair and two additional members on the reimbursement was made by Estola, 2nd by Skinner; all in favor, none opposed.
- d) WMHIP 3-Year Membership Resolution ~ Motion to approve the signatures of Garth Stengard and Patricia Hagstrom as Trustees and adopt the following resolution was made by Matonich, 2nd by Estola; roll call: Ayes ~ Estola, Matonich, Zorich, Skinner & Bolich, Nays ~ none.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
Gogebic County Road Commission
(the "Public Entity")**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PUBLIC ENTITY MEMBERSHIP

**IN THE WEST MICHIGAN HEALTH INSURANCE POOL ("WMHIP") FOR A MINIMUM THREE-YEAR
PERIOD
PREMISES**

A. *The Western Michigan Health Insurance Pool ("WMHIP") is a Public Employer Pooled Plan ("PEPP") that provides pooled self-funded health insurance coverage, as authorized by the Public Employees Health Benefit Act, Act 106 of 2007.*

B. *WMHIP has received from the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services ("DIFS") a certificate of registration authorizing establishment of the PEPP.*

C. *The Board has had opportunity to consider the obligations of the Public Entity to WMHIP and PEPP plans, and services available to the Public Entity by WMHIP, and has carefully reviewed the WMHIP Amended Trust Agreement and Bylaws.*

D. *The Board desires to authorize membership of the Public Entity in the WMHIP for a minimum period of three years.*

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of the Public Entity hereby resolves:

1. *The Board approves the WMHIP Amended Trust Agreement and bylaws, and accepts WMHIP provision of Public Entity self-funded, pooled health insurance coverage under the PEPP plan.*

2. The Superintendent, Manager, or CFO of the Public Entity or, with their approval, the person appointed by the Board as WMHIP Trustee or Alternate Trustee, is hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary for the Public Entity to become a Member in the WMHIP PEPP plan.

3. The Board hereby confirms its appointment of the following persons as Trustee and Alternate Trustee to serve as Trustee when the initial Trustee is not available or in attendance to carry out the Trustee’s duties:

Garth Stengard/Manager

Patricia Hagstrom/Office Administrator

As required by law, neither the Trustee nor the Alternate Trustee is an owner, officer, or employee of any third-party administrator or any other third party providing services to WMHIP. The Trustee and Alternate Trustee shall serve until replaced by action of the Board. Once appointments are made known to the WMHIP, the persons appointed shall remain in office until the WMHIP receives evidence of appointment of other persons. Evidence of proper appointment of the Trustee and Alternate Trustee shall be a certified copy of the resolution passed by the Board, indicating the names of the designated Trustee and/or Alternate Trustee. Failure of the Public Entity to designate a Trustee, or the failure of that Trustee/Alternate Trustee to participate on the Board of Trustees, shall not affect the responsibilities or duties of the Public Entity under the Amended Trust Agreement.

4. The Public Entity shall continue participation in the WMHIP for a minimum of three full years under its PEPP plan.

5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this Resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Public Comment

None

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 11:03AM by Zorich, 2nd by Estola; all in favor, none opposed.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS

SECRETARY

CHAIR

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025, 10:01AM | *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	John Zorich	Dennis Skinner
Garth Stengard	Phil Strong	Patti Hagstrom	2 Public Attendees	

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

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

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, May 27, 2025
- Regular Meeting of Tuesday, May 27, 2025

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) Vanderhagen Road at Airport Road Drainage ~ Discussion took place. Additional information will be gathered. No action was taken.
- b) Lake Road Bridge over Mud Creek ~ Proposals were solicited from multiple bridge contractors. One proposal was received from Hebert Construction Company in the amount of \$364,00 with a completion date of 9/12/25 and \$439,000 with a completion date of 8/15/25. Motion to reject the bid and research other options was made by Matonich, 2nd by Estola; roll call: Ayes ~ Estola, Matonich, Zorich, Skinner & Bolich, Nays ~ none.

New Business

- a) Gogebic County Fair ~ A request was received for GCRC to provide volunteer labor and equipment on the fairgrounds. Discussion took place. No action was taken.
- b) Ramsay Township ~ Discussion took place regarding River Street. No action was taken.
- c) Letters of Appreciation ~ These letters were passed for signatures. No action was taken.

Public Comment

None

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 11:21AM by Zorich, 2nd by Matonich; all in favor, none opposed.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS

SECRETARY

CHAIR

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2025, 10:01AM | *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	John Zorich	Dennis Skinner
Garth Stengard	Phil Strong	Patti Hagstrom	4 Public Attendees	

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda with the following additions NB. d. Ironwood Township Contract and NB. e. Marenisco Township Contract was made by Skinner, 2nd by Zorich; all in favor, none opposed.

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, June 10, 2025
 - Regular Meeting of Tuesday, June 10, 2025
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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) Vanderhagen Road at Airport Road Drainage ~ This item will remain on the agenda. Updates will be given as needed. No action was taken.
- b) Lake Road Bridge over Mud Creek ~ Phil Strong gave an update. No action was taken.

- a) Winter Blade Bid Tabs & Award ~ 2 bids were received. Motion to accept and award the bid to H&L Mesabi in the amount of \$66,074.50 was made by Matonich, 2nd by Zorich; roll call: Ayes ~ Zorich, Matonich, Skinner, Estola & Bolich, Nays ~ none.
- b) Erwin Township Contract ~ Motion to sign the contract for the following work was made by Matonich, 2nd by Estola; roll call: Ayes ~ Estola, Matonich, Skinner, Zorich & Bolich, Nays ~ none

Sixty percent (60%) the cost of additional local road gravel placement on McDonald Dam Road as recommended by the Township during the spring township road tour.

Estimate Cost.....\$25,000
Township Share (60%).....Erwin Township.....\$15,000

- c) Partridge Pit 126 Workshop ~ The Board will tour Pit 126 following the conclusion of this meeting. See attached.
- d) Ironwood Township Contract ~ Motion to sign the contract for the following work was made by Skinner, 2nd by Matonich; roll call: Ayes ~ Matonich, Skinner, Zorich, Estola & Bolich, Nays ~ none

Sixty percent (60%) the cost for Contractors to pulverize and HMA pave Vanderhagen Road from North Star Road to Airport Road. (approximately 1.0 mile).

Estimate Cost..... Vanderhagen Road.....\$216,000
Township Share (60%).....Ironwood Township.....\$129,600

Sixty percent (60%) the cost for GCRC crews to replace one culvert and spot graveling along on Vanderhagen Road; prior to the HMA paving work.

Estimate Cost..... Vanderhagen Road..... \$12,000
Township Share (60%).....Ironwood Township..... \$7,200

Sixty percent (60%) the cost to pulverize and place HMA overlay from Vanderhagen Road Intersection to the end of existing HMA for approximately 0.65 miles of Northstar Road.

Estimate Cost..... Northstar Road.....\$130,000
Township Share (60%).....Ironwood Township.....\$78,000

e) Marenisco Township Contract ~ Motion to sign the contract for the following work was made by Zorich, 2nd by Estola; roll call: Ayes ~ Estola, Zorich, Skinner, Matonich & Bolich, Nays ~ none

Sixty percent (60%) the cost to pulverize the existing HMA, raise existing manhole(s) and water valve(s), place 3 inches of HMA and shoulder gravel on Pine Street from M-64 to about 400 feet west of 3rd Street.

*Estimate Cost.....Pine Street.....\$ 63,000
Township Share (60%).....Marenisco Township... ..\$ 37,800*

Sixty percent (60%) the cost to raise existing manhole(s) and water valve(s), place a HMA leveling course, 3 inches of HMA and shoulder gravel on Maple Street from 1st Street to 3rd Street.

*Estimate Cost.....Maple Street.....\$ 12,000
Township Share (60%).....Marenisco Township... ..\$ 7,200*

Sixty percent (60%) the cost to raise existing manhole(s) and water valve(s), place a HMA leveling course, 3 inches of HMA and shoulder gravel on 2nd Street from Maple Street to Elm Street and Elm Street from 2nd Street to 3rd Street.

*Estimate Cost.....2nd Street and Elm Street.....\$ 26,000
Township Share (60%).....Marenisco Township... ..\$ 15,600*

Sixty percent (60%) the cost to provide drainage improvements on Presque Isle Street as directed by the Township during the Spring Township road tour.

*Estimate Cost.....Presque Isle Street.....\$ 24,000
Township Share (60%).....Marenisco Township... ..\$ 14,400*

Public Comment

Dan Siirila asked about the MDOT work on US2 in the City of Ironwood.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 10:59AM by Estola, 2nd by Zorich; all in favor, none opposed.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS

SECRETARY

CHAIR

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025, 10:01AM | *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	John Zorich	Dennis Skinner
Garth Stengard	Phil Strong	Patti Hagstrom	3 Public Attendees	

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda with the following additions NB. d. Letter of Appreciation was made by Matonich, 2nd by Zorich; all in favor, none opposed.

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, June 24, 2025
- Regular Meeting of Tuesday, June 24, 2025

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) Vanderhagen Road at Airport Road Drainage ~ Discussion took place. Updates will be given as needed. No action was taken.
- b) Lake Road Bridge over Mud Creek ~ Discussion took place. No action was taken.

- c) ACT 51 Certification Resolution ~ Motion to adopt the following resolution was made by Matonich, 2nd by Zorich; roll call: Ayes ~ Zorich, Matonich, Skinner, Estola & Bolich, Nays ~ none

WHEREAS the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Gogebic has accepted the following road:

MARENISCO TOWNSHIP, SECTIONS 29 page #19

1. Stateline Lake Road:

From Stateline east intersection north and easterly 0.36 miles along the existing road

WHEREAS the road has been constructed to a state that it is now open to the public traffic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Gogebic has jurisdiction and control over the aforementioned road and right-of-way for public road purposes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Notice of Determination of the Board to adopt and take over the above mentioned road as the portion of the county road system of the County of Gogebic for Act 51 Transportation funds **prior to December 31, 2025** and is open to automobile traffic.

New Business

- a) MDNR/USDA CFDA Distribution Report ~ This report was provided for information only. No action was taken.
- b) East Shore Culvert Installation Bid & Award ~ 3 bids were received. Motion to accept and award the bid to Ruotsala Construction Company in the amount of \$305,848.50 was made by Skinner, 2nd by Estola; roll call: Ayes ~ Estola, Skinner, Matonich, Zorich & Bolich, Nays ~ none.
- c) Ironwood Township Contract ~ This item is presented for revision (**bold entry**) from the June 24, 2025 meeting. Motion to sign the contract for the following work was made by Estola, 2nd by Zorich; roll call: Ayes ~ Zorich, Estola, Skinner, Matonich & Bolich, Nays ~ none

Sixty percent (60%) the cost for Contractors to pulverize and HMA pave Vanderhagen Road from North Star Road to Airport Road. (approximately 1.0 mile).

<i>Estimate Cost..... Vanderhagen Road.....</i>	<i>\$216,000</i>
<i>Township Share (60%).....Ironwood Township.....</i>	<i>\$129,600</i>

Sixty percent (60%) the cost for GCRC crews to replace one culvert and spot graveling along on Vanderhagen Road; prior to the HMA paving work.

<i>Estimate Cost..... Vanderhagen Road.....</i>	<i>\$7,100</i>
<i>Township Share (60%).....Ironwood Township.....</i>	<i>\$4,260</i>

Sixty percent (60%) the cost to pulverize and place HMA overlay from Vanderhagen Road Intersection to the end of existing HMA for approximately 0.65 miles of Northstar Road.

<i>Estimate Cost..... Northstar Road.....</i>	<i>\$130,000</i>
<i>Township Share (60%).....Ironwood Township.....</i>	<i>\$78,000</i>

- d) Letter of Appreciation ~ This letter was passed for signatures. No action needed.

Public Comment

Steve Tiziani asked about the Lake Road bridge over Mud Creek.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 10:40AM by Zorich, 2nd by Estola; all in favor, none opposed.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS

SECRETARY

CHAIR

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2025, 10:01AM | *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	John Zorich	Dennis Skinner
Garth Stengard	Phil Strong	Patti Hagstrom	5 Public Attendees	

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda with the following additions NB. d. City of Wakefield/Wakefield Township Contract was made by Matonich, 2nd by Zorich; all in favor, none opposed.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

- Finance Meeting of Tuesday, July 8, 2025
 - Regular Meeting of Tuesday, July 8, 2025
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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) Vanderhagen Road at Airport Road Drainage ~ No action was taken.
- b) Lake Road Bridge over Mud Creek ~ Repair options were discussed. No action was taken.

New Business

- a) Wakefield City & Wakefield Township Contract ~ Motion to sign the contract for the following work was made by Skinner, 2nd by Estola; roll call: Ayes ~ Estola, Skinner, Zorich, Matonich & Bolich, Nays ~ none

Fifty percent (50%) Township and fifty percent (50%) City of Wakefield the cost to complete about 200 feet of ditching, brushing, and various drainage improvements, and placing one pass of gravel down the center of the road to create a crown for about 0.5 miles along Wertanen Road.

Estimate Cost..... Wertanen Road.....\$11,000

Township Share (50%).....Wakefield.....\$5,500

Fifty percent (50%) Township and fifty percent (50%) City of Wakefield the cost to remove and install two (2) 36" culverts, about 400 feet of ditching, brushing, and various drainage improvements, road grading and placing 6" of road gravel to create a crown for about 0.25 miles along Wiitanen Road.

Estimate Cost..... Wiitanen Road (Phase 1).....\$28,800

Township Share (50%).....Wakefield\$14,400

Public Comment

Tom Hampston asked about work he would like to do in the ROW.

John Matonich commented that his wife is appreciative to Jeff Pikka for stopping to offer help when she recently had an incident on Johnson Road.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 10:22AM by Zorich, 2nd by Estola; all in favor, none opposed.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS

SECRETARY

CHAIR

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025, 10:01AM | *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	John Zorich	Dennis Skinner
Garth Stengard	Phil Strong	Patti Hagstrom	4 Public Attendees	

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda with the following additions OB. e. ROW Permit Insurance Rules & Regulations was made by Skinner, 2nd by Zorich; all in favor, none opposed.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

- Finance Meeting of Tuesday, July 22, 2025
 - Regular Meeting of Tuesday, July 22, 2025
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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) Tiziani Land Swap ~ Discussion took place. No action was taken.

New Business

- a) Marenisco Pole Barn ~ Discussion took place. No action was taken.
- b) Union Contract Negotiations ~ Discussion to place. Bolich and Estola will sit on the Committee.
- c) Highline Permit Fees ~ Discussion took place. No action was taken.
- d) MDOT Section18j Certification ~ Motion to have Chair Bolich and Manager Stengard sign the Certification was made by Matonich, 2nd by Estola; all in favor, none opposed.
- e) ROW Permit Insurance Rules & Regulations ~ Discussion took place. No action was taken. This item will remain on the agenda.

Public Comment

Dan Siirila questioned the paving of Chaney Lake Road and commented on the ROW Permit Insurance.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 11AM by Estola, 2nd by Zorich; all in favor, none opposed.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS

SECRETARY

CHAIR

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2025, 10:01AM | *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	John Zorich	Dennis Skinner
Garth Stengard	Phil Strong	Patti Hagstrom	4 Public Attendees	

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda with the following additions NB. d. Watersmeet Township Project Agreement was made by Estola, 2nd by Skinner; all in favor, none opposed.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

- Finance Meeting of Tuesday, August 12, 2025
- Regular Meeting of Tuesday, August 12, 2025

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) Tiziani Land Swap ~ Discussion took place. No action was taken.
- b) Marenisco Pole Barn ~ Discussion took place. No action was taken.
- c) ROW Permit Insurance Rules & Regulations ~ Motion to continue with no insurance requirements for driveway ROW permits was made by Matonich, 2nd by Estola; all in favor, none opposed.

- a) 2026 East Shore Road Paving Project ~ Motion to accept and authorize the signature of the Engineer and Chair on the title sheet was made by Estola, 2nd by Skinner; roll call: Ayes ~ Skinner, Estola, Zorich, Matonich & Bolich, Nays ~ none.
- b) Telecommunication & Video Service Provider ROW Resolution, Policy & Fee Schedule ~ Motion to adopt the following resolution, policy & fee schedule was made by Skinner, 2nd by Zorich; roll call: Ayes ~ Zorich, Skinner, Matonich, Estola & Bolich, Nays ~ none.

Resolution to Adopt Reasonable Policy Regarding Fees Pursuant to MCL 224.19b

WHEREAS, the Board of County Road Commissioners for the County of Gogebic (the "Board" or "Road Commission") is a body corporate created by MCL 224.9 to formulate policy and to perform those official duties imposed by law or delegated by the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, a person, partnership, association, corporation, or governmental entity shall not construct, operate, maintain, or remove a facility or perform any other work within the right-of-way of a county road, except sidewalk installation and repair, without first obtaining a permit from the county road commission having jurisdiction over the road and from the township, city, or village in which the county road is located when a permit is required by ordinance of the township, city, or village, under the authority conferred by section 29 of article VII of the state constitution of 1963; and

WHEREAS, MCL 224.19b(1) requires any person, partnership, association, corporation or governmental entity to obtain a permit from the Road Commission (and the applicable township, city or village if required by those entities) before constructing, operating, maintaining or removing any facility or performing any work within a county highway right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCL 224.19b(2), the Road Commission has discretion to adopt reasonable permit requirements and a schedule of fees sufficient to cover the necessary and actual costs for the issuance of the permit and for review of the proposed activity, inspection and related expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Road Commission may adopt a schedule of civil fines that can be imposed on a provider that performs work in a right-of-way without obtaining a permit as required under this section or that fails to maintain a security bond, right-of-way bond, or irrevocable letter of credit as required under this section during construction work within the right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the Road Commission deems it in the public health, welfare, safety and best interest to adopt a policy such as the one attached hereto and entitled "Telecommunication and Video Service Provider Policy and Fees" (Exhibit A) reflecting the actual and necessary costs directly related to issuance of permits to Providers as defined under MCL 224.19b(13) to the extent recoverable under the law.

Telecommunication and Video Service Provider Right-of-Way Permit Policy and Fee Schedule

1. This Policy applies to the following pursuant to MCL 224.19b:
 - 1.1. Telecommunications Providers. Pursuant to MCL 224.19b(13)(b)(i), a "Telecommunication Provider" means a person that for compensation provides 1 or more "Telecommunication Services." "Telecommunication Services" include regulated and unregulated services offered to customers for the transmission of 2-way interactive communication and associated usage. A telecommunication service is not a public utility service. Telecommunication provider does not include a provider of commercial mobile service as defined in section 332(d)(1) of the telecommunications act of 1996, 47 USC 332.

1.2. Video Service Providers. Pursuant to MCL 224.19b(13)(b)(ii), a “Video Service Provider” means a person authorized to provide “Video Service,” including video programming, cable services, IPTV, or OVS provided through facilities located at least in part in the public rights-of-way without regard to delivery technology, including internet protocol technology. This definition does not include any video programming provided by a Commercial Mobile Service Provider defined in 47 USC 332(d) or provided solely as part of, and via, a service that enables users to access content, information, electronic mail, or other services offered over the public internet.

1.3. The term “Provider” refers to either a Telecommunications Provider or a Video Service Provider.

2. Schedule of Fees.

2.1. Project Permit Fee and Requirements. The project permit fee for a Provider shall be \$200.00 per permit or \$1,000.00 total for all permits per project. After the work authorized in the permit has been completed, the permit holder may request an itemized list of cost incurred by the Road Commission related to issuance of the permit.

2.1.1. For purposes of this Policy and Fee Schedule, “Project” is defined as work on one (1) road per year.

2.2. Annual Routine Maintenance/Repair Permit. A Provider shall obtain a yearly permit for performing routine maintenance or repair work in the right-of-way, as defined in the permit. The annual permit fee shall be \$200.00. The annual permit fee provided in this subsection is a separate and distinct charge from the Project Permit Fee.

2.2.1. For purposes of this Policy and Fee Schedule, “routine maintenance or repair work” is defined as provided under MCL 247.660c(n).

2.3. Permits for Non-Routine Work. A Provider shall obtain a separate permit for all non-routine work in the right-of-way associated with its facilities. The fee for a non-routine work permit shall be \$200.00 per permit or \$1,000.00 total for all permits per project. After the work authorized in the permit has been completed, the permit holder may request an itemized list of cost incurred by the Road Commission related to issuance of the permit.

2.4. Additional Necessary & Actual Inspection Costs. In addition to the above schedule of fees, the Provider shall pay for any and all additional necessary and actual costs for any inspections required for any permit related to work in a right-of-way by that Provider.

2.5. Other Provider Permit Requirements. The Provider must submit detailed engineering plans related to the proposed work in the right-of-way as a precondition to issuance of a permit. Issuance is subject to plan inspection and approval by the Road Commission.

3. Bond. A Provider must provide a security bond or right-of-way bond to secure the performance of the conditions of all permits issued that authorize the provider to construct, operate, maintain, or remove a facility or perform any other work anywhere within the right-of-way, as designated in the permits, of any road under the jurisdiction of the county road commission. The bond must be provided as a precondition to issuance of the permit. As permitted by MCL 224.19b(9), the Provider may, instead of providing a bond, obtain and provide an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a state or federally regulated financial institution licensed to do business in this state to secure the performance of the conditions of all permits issued that authorize the provider to construct, operate, maintain, or remove a facility or perform any other work anywhere within the right-of-way, as designated in the permits, of any road under the jurisdiction of the county road commission.

3.1. The security bond, right-of-way bond, or letter of credit shall be in the amount of \$20,000.00.

3.2. Additional Bond. If a claim is made against the security bond, right-of-way bond, or letter of credit for any reason, the Provider must, within seven [7] calendar days, provide the road commission with another security bond or right-of-way bond in order to continue work in the county. A bond required under this subsection must be from a state or federally regulated entity licensed to do business in this state.

3.3. Fines. A provider that performs work in a right-of-way without obtaining a permit as required under this section or that fails to maintain a security bond, right-of-way bond, or irrevocable letter of credit as required under this section during construction work within the right-of-way is responsible for a civil fine of not more than \$5,000.00 per violation. This fine may be waived if the Provider demonstrates that the work was required on an emergency basis to restore services impacting public safety.

A. Insurance Requirement. Applicant must provide proof of general liability insurance in amounts not less than \$1 million per occurrence and general aggregate, proof of automobile liability in amounts not less than \$1 million combined single limit for each accident, bodily injury per accident, and property damage per accident, and in an amount not less than \$500,000 for bodily injury per person that apply to all claims, demands, suits, or causes of action arising in connection with or as a direct result of the provider's use and occupancy of a right-a-way under the jurisdiction of the road commission.

4. Alternate Agreements. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to address circumstances or concerns beyond those accounted for in this Policy and Fee Schedule, the road commission may execute a written agreement with the applicant regarding right-of-way access that includes permits, terms, and conditions that are different than the requirements outlined above, including, but not limited to, the amount of permit fees, terms of insurance, the size or number of security bonds or right-of-way bonds, or other valuable consideration.

- c) Indianhead Road Agreement with LVD ~ Motion to approve the agreement and authorize the signatures of the Chair and Vice-Chair was made by Matonich, 2nd by Estola; roll call: Ayes ~ Estola, Matonich, Skinner, Zorich & Bolich, Nays ~ none.
- d) Watersmeet Township Project Agreement ~ Motion to approve and authorize the signatures of the Chair and Vice-Chair was made by Estola, 2nd by Skinner; roll call: Ayes ~ Skinner, Estola, Matonich, Zorich & Bolich, Nays ~ none.

Public Comment

John Balyeat asked about repairing a waterline under the roadway.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 11:34AM by Estola, 2nd by Zorich; all in favor, none opposed.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS

SECRETARY

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025, 10:01AM | *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	John Zorich	Dennis Skinner
Garth Stengard	Phil Strong	Patti Hagstrom	5 Public Attendees	

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

- Finance Meeting of Tuesday, August 26, 2025
- Regular Meeting of Tuesday, August 26, 2025

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) Tiziani Land Swap ~ Motion to agree to the swap with any fees incurred to process this swap to be paid by Steve Tiziani and authorize Garth Stengard, Manager to sign any required paperwork was made by Estola, 2nd by Zorich; roll call: Ayes ~ Zorich, Estola, Skinner, Matonich & Bolich, Nays ~ none.

New Business

- a) Helli Road Abandonment ~ Discussion took place. This item will be tabled.
- b) Letters of Appreciation ~ These letters were passed for signatures. No action was taken. Motion to continue with no insurance requirements for driveway ROW permits was made by Matonich, 2nd by Estola; all in favor, none opposed.

Public Comment

None

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 10:40AM by Zorich, 2nd by Skinner; all in favor, none opposed.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS

SECRETARY

CHAIR

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, 10:03AM | *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	John Zorich
Garth Stengard	Patti Hagstrom	3 Public Attendees	

Excused

Dennis Skinner	Phil Strong
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Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

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

FY 2025 Budget Amendment #1

The amendment was presented. Discussion took place. Motion to approve amendment #1 was made by Matonich, 2nd by Zorich; roll call: Ayes ~ Zorich, Matonich, Estola & Bolich, Nays ~ none. See Attachment Column C.

FY 2026 Public Hearing/Adoption

Motion to open the public hearing was made by Estola, 2nd by Zorich; roll call: Ayes ~ Zorich, Estola, Matonich Bolich, Nays ~ none. The proposed budget was presented. Discussion took place. Motion to close the public hearing was made by Estola, 2nd by Zorich; roll call: Ayes ~ Zorich, Estola, Matonich & Bolich, Nays ~ none.

Motion to adopt the budget was made by Matonich, 2nd by Zorich; roll call: Ayes ~ Zorich, Matonich, Estola & Bolich, Nays ~ none. See Attachment Column D.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

- Finance Meeting of Tuesday, September 9, 2025
 - Regular Meeting of Tuesday, September 9, 2025
 - Budget Workshop of Tuesday, September 9, 2025
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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) Helli Road & Unnamed Alley Abandonment ~ Motion was made by Estola, 2nd by Zorich with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Zorich, Estola, Matonich & Bolich, Nays ~ none to abandon the following:

Helli Road in block 6, Lots 7,17,18,19 and alley in Block 6, Lots 5,6,7 and 19, Plat of Newport Heights Subdivision of the S½ of the NE¼ of the SW¼ of Section 13, Township 47-47 of Gogebic County, Michigan

New Business

None

Public Comment

Joe Corullo, Foreman, stated that he has had comments from the public about the Oxcart Permitting, via the internet, is not user friendly to some.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 10:52AM by Zorich, 2nd by Matonich; all in favor, none opposed.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS

SECRETARY

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025, 10:02AM | *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
Garth Stengard Patti Hagstrom 4 Public Attendees

Excused

John Zorich Phil Strong

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

- Finance Meeting of Tuesday, September 30, 2025
- Regular & Public Hearing FY2026 Budget Meeting of Tuesday, September 30, 2025

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) Public Hearing on ROW Permit Policy & Fee Schedule ~ This hearing will be rescheduled for October 28, 2025.

New Business

a) Xcel Energy Easement Request ~ This item will be tabled.

Public Comment

None

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 10:14AM by Skinner, 2nd by Estola; all in favor, none opposed.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS

SECRETARY

CHAIR

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2025, 10:01AM | *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	Patti Hagstrom	3 Public Attendees		

Excused

Phil Strong

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

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

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, October 14, 2025
 - Regular Meeting of Tuesday, October 14, 2025
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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.

- a) Public Hearing on ROW Permit Policy & Fee Schedule ~ Motion to rescind his 2nd motion was made by Zorich with Skinner then recinding his 1st motion from the August 26, 2025 regular meeting to adopt the Resolution to Adopt Reasonable Policy Regarding Fees Pursuant to MCL 224.19b; with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Skinner, Zorich, Matonich, Estola & Bolich, Nays ~ None.

Motion to open the public hearing was made by Skinner, 2nd by Zorich; roll call: Ayes ~ Zorich, Skinner, Matonich, Estola & Bolich, Nays ~ none. There was no public comment.

Motion to close the public hearing was made by Skinner, 2nd by Zorich; roll call: Ayes ~ Zorich, Skinner, Matonich, Estola & Bolich, Nays ~ none.

Motion to adopt the following resolution, policy & fee schedule was made by Skinner, 2nd by Zorich; roll call: Ayes ~ Zorich, Skinner, Matonich, Estola & Bolich, Nays ~ none.

Resolution to Adopt Reasonable Policy Regarding Fees Pursuant to MCL 224.19b

WHEREAS, the Board of County Road Commissioners for the County of Gogebic (the "Board" or "Road Commission") is a body corporate created by MCL 224.9 to formulate policy and to perform those official duties imposed by law or delegated by the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, a person, partnership, association, corporation, or governmental entity shall not construct, operate, maintain, or remove a facility or perform any other work within the right-of-way of a county road, except sidewalk installation and repair, without first obtaining a permit from the county road commission having jurisdiction over the road and from the township, city, or village in which the county road is located when a permit is required by ordinance of the township, city, or village, under the authority conferred by section 29 of article VII of the state constitution of 1963; and

WHEREAS, MCL 224.19b(1) requires any person, partnership, association, corporation or governmental entity to obtain a permit from the Road Commission (and the applicable township, city or village if required by those entities) before constructing, operating, maintaining or removing any facility or performing any work within a county highway right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCL 224.19b(2), the Road Commission has discretion to adopt reasonable permit requirements and a schedule of fees sufficient to cover the necessary and actual costs for the issuance of the permit and for review of the proposed activity, inspection and related expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Road Commission may adopt a schedule of civil fines that can be imposed on a provider that performs work in a right-of-way without obtaining a permit as required under this section or that fails to maintain a security bond, right-of-way bond, or irrevocable letter of credit as required under this section during construction work within the right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the Road Commission deems it in the public health, welfare, safety and best interest to adopt a policy such as the one attached hereto and entitled "Telecommunication and Video Service Provider Policy and Fees" (Exhibit A) reflecting the actual and necessary costs directly related to issuance of permits to Providers as defined under MCL 224.19b(13) to the extent recoverable under the law.

Telecommunication and Video Service Provider Right-of-Way Permit Policy and Fee Schedule

1. This Policy applies to the following pursuant to MCL 224.19b:
 - 1.1. Telecommunications Providers. Pursuant to MCL 224.19b(13)(b)(i), a “Telecommunication Provider” means a person that for compensation provides 1 or more “Telecommunication Services.” “Telecommunication Services” include regulated and unregulated services offered to customers for the transmission of 2-way interactive communication and associated usage. A telecommunication service is not a public utility service. Telecommunication provider does not include a provider of commercial mobile service as defined in section 332(d)(1) of the telecommunications act of 1996, 47 USC 332.
 - 1.2. Video Service Providers. Pursuant to MCL 224.19b(13)(b)(ii), a “Video Service Provider” means a person authorized to provide “Video Service,” including video programming, cable services, IPTV, or OVS provided through facilities located at least in part in the public rights-of-way without regard to delivery technology, including internet protocol technology. This definition does not include any video programming provided by a Commercial Mobile Service Provider defined in 47 USC 332(d) or provided solely as part of, and via, a service that enables users to access content, information, electronic mail, or other services offered over the public internet.
 - 1.3. The term “Provider” refers to either a Telecommunications Provider or a Video Service Provider.
2. Schedule of Fees.
 - 2.1. Project Permit Fee and Requirements. The project permit fee for a Provider shall be \$200.00 per permit or \$1,000.00 total for all permits per project. After the work authorized in the permit has been completed, the permit holder may request an itemized list of cost incurred by the Road Commission related to issuance of the permit.
 - 2.1.1. For purposes of this Policy and Fee Schedule, “Project” is defined as work on one (1) road per year.
 - 2.2. Annual Routine Maintenance/Repair Permit. A Provider shall obtain a yearly permit for performing routine maintenance or repair work in the right-of-way, as defined in the permit. The annual permit fee shall be \$200.00. The annual permit fee provided in this subsection is a separate and distinct charge from the Project Permit Fee.
 - 2.2.1. For purposes of this Policy and Fee Schedule, “routine maintenance or repair work” is defined as provided under MCL 247.660c(n).
 - 2.3. Permits for Non-Routine Work. A Provider shall obtain a separate permit for all non-routine work in the right-of-way associated with its facilities. The fee for a non-routine work permit shall be \$200.00 per permit or \$1,000.00 total for all permits per project. After the work authorized in the permit has been completed, the permit holder may request an itemized list of cost incurred by the Road Commission related to issuance of the permit.
 - 2.4. Additional Necessary & Actual Inspection Costs. In addition to the above schedule of fees, the Provider shall pay for any and all additional necessary and actual costs for any inspections required for any permit related to work in a right-of-way by that Provider.

- 2.5. Other Provider Permit Requirements. The Provider must submit detailed engineering plans related to the proposed work in the right-of-way as a precondition to issuance of a permit. Issuance is subject to plan inspection and approval by the Road Commission.
3. Bond. A Provider must provide a security bond or right-of-way bond to secure the performance of the conditions of all permits issued that authorize the provider to construct, operate, maintain, or remove a facility or perform any other work anywhere within the right-of-way, as designated in the permits, of any road under the jurisdiction of the county road commission. The bond must be provided as a precondition to issuance of the permit. As permitted by MCL 224.19b(9), the Provider may, instead of providing a bond, obtain and provide an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a state or federally regulated financial institution licensed to do business in this state to secure the performance of the conditions of all permits issued that authorize the provider to construct, operate, maintain, or remove a facility or perform any other work anywhere within the right-of-way, as designated in the permits, of any road under the jurisdiction of the county road commission.
- 3.1. The security bond, right-of-way bond, or letter of credit shall be in the amount of \$20,000.00.
- 3.2. Additional Bond. If a claim is made against the security bond, right-of-way bond, or letter of credit for any reason, the Provider must, within seven [7] calendar days, provide the road commission with another security bond or right-of-way bond in order to continue work in the county. A bond required under this subsection must be from a state or federally regulated entity licensed to do business in this state.
- 3.3. Fines. A provider that performs work in a right-of-way without obtaining a permit as required under this section or that fails to maintain a security bond, right-of-way bond, or irrevocable letter of credit as required under this section during construction work within the right-of-way is responsible for a civil fine of not more than \$5,000.00 per violation. This fine may be waived if the Provider demonstrates that the work was required on an emergency basis to restore services impacting public safety.
- A. Insurance Requirement. Applicant must provide proof of general liability insurance in amounts not less than \$1 million per occurrence and general aggregate, proof of automobile liability in amounts not less than \$1 million combined single limit for each accident, bodily injury per accident, and property damage per accident, and in an amount not less than \$500,000 for bodily injury per person that apply to all claims, demands, suits, or causes of action arising in connection with or as a direct result of the provider's use and occupancy of a right-a-way under the jurisdiction of the road commission.
4. Alternate Agreements. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to address circumstances or concerns beyond those accounted for in this Policy and Fee Schedule, the road commission may execute a written agreement with the applicant regarding right-of-way access that includes permits, terms, and conditions that are different than the requirements outlined above, including, but not limited to, the amount of permit fees, terms of insurance, the size or number of security bonds or right-of-way bonds, or other valuable consideration.

b) Xcel Energy Easement Request ~ This item will be tabled.

New Business

c) Union Contract ~ Motion to accept the proposed 3-year contract was made by Skinner, 2nd by Zorich; roll call: Ayes ~ Zorich, Skinner, Matonich, Estola & Bolich, Nays ~ none.

Public Comment

None

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 10:15AM by Matonich, 2nd by Estola; all in favor, none opposed.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS

SECRETARY

CHAIR

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2025, 10:02AM | *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	4 Public Attendees	

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

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

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, October 28, 2025
- Regular Meeting & Public Hearing of Tuesday, October 28, 2025

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) Xcel Energy Easement Request ~ This item will continue to be tabled.

New Business

- b) 2026 Buck Lake Road Bridge ~ Motion to authorize the signatures of the Chair and Engineer on the title page was made by Estola, 2nd by Skinner; roll call: Ayes ~ Skinner, Estola, Zorich, Matonich & Bolich, Nays ~ none.

Public Comment

None

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 10:34AM by Zorich, 2nd by Estola; all in favor, none opposed.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS

SECRETARY

CHAIR

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2025, 10:01AM | *Meeting called to order by Barry Bolich*
This meeting was held at the Gogebic County Road Commission office

In Attendance

Barry Bolich	John Matonich	Dennis Skinner	John Zorich
Garth Stengard	Phil Strong	Patti Hagstrom	2 Public Attendees

Excused

James Estola

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

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

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, November 11, 2025
 - Regular Meeting of Tuesday, November 11, 2025
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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) Xcel Energy Easement Request ~ This item will continue to be tabled.

New Business

None

Public Comment

None

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 10:25AM by Matonich, 2nd by Zorich; all in favor, none opposed.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS

SECRETARY

CHAIR

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2025, 10:04AM | *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	4 Public Attendees	

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

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

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, November 25, 2025
 - Regular Meeting of Tuesday, November 25, 2025
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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) Xcel Energy Easement Request ~ This item will continue to be tabled.

New Business

- a) 2026 Colligo GIS Proposal ~ Motion to approve the proposal was made by Matonich, 2nd by Skinner; roll call: Ayes ~ Skinner, Matonich, Zorich, Estola & Bolich, Nays ~ none.
- b) 2026 Compensatory Time Policy ~ Motion to approve the policy for 2026 was made by Matonich, 2nd by Estola; all in favor, none opposed.
- c) Salary Review Committee ~ Jim Estola and Dennis Skinner will meet with Garth for the reviews.

Public Comment

Scott Cebolski commented on the open mechanic position. Discussion took place.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 10:26AM by Estola, 2nd by Zorich; all in favor, none opposed.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS

SECRETARY

CHAIR

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2025, 10:01AM | *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	
Garth Stengard	Phil Strong	Patti Hagstrom	4 Public Attendees

Excused

Dennis Skinner	John Zorich
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Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

- Finance Meeting of Tuesday, December 9, 2025
 - Regular Meeting of Tuesday, December 9, 2025
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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) Xcel Energy Easement Request ~ This item will continue to be tabled.

New Business

- a) Administrative Wages ~ Motion to approve Option 1 was made by Matonich, 2nd by Estola; roll call:
Ayes ~ Estola, Matonich & Bolich, Nays ~ none.

Public Comment

None

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 10:27AM by Estola, 2nd by Matonich; all in favor, none opposed.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS

SECRETARY

CHAIR