

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ALPENA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION**

July 1, 2025

The Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Alpena met in regular session on the above date. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Gerry MacArthur, at 3:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners MacArthur, Spaulding, and Lucas.
Absent: None.

Staff present: Ryan Brege, Managing Director; John Bygden, Road Superintendent; Julia Patterson, Finance Director/Board Secretary.

Others Present: Dan Florip, Road Commission Attorney; Alpena County Commissioners; Becky Rivard, Huron Engineering and Surveying;

AGENDA

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to adopt the agenda as presented with the addition of "Keetch Road" under New Business. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 3, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD/PUBLIC COMMENT

Virginia Tadajewski, 902 Cowper Street, appeared before the Board to continue to express her concern with the neighbor's filled in ditch causing water to not to go through the culvert. Commissioner MacArthur stated that he looked at the ditch and could not tell where it was filled in. Ditch is uniformly wet and filled with water.

MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

Managing Director Ryan Brege reported the following:

- Long Rapids Road over North Branch of the Thunder Bay River contract was awarded to Grand River Construction with a bid of \$1,787,792.10. The tentative start date is planned for mid-July with completion date of October 26th and open to traffic November 14, 2025.
- Continuing to work on the Third Street/Tamarack Road plans. No update on the grant.

- Wolf Creek Road’s resurfacing project is nearly complete with prime contractor Pyramid Paving.
- As of today, ice storm costs are \$280,000. No response from FEMA.
- Held a crew meeting to discuss their safety issues and concerns.
- Was contacted by EGLE regarding water samples that were taken from nearby residences. Charter Communications drilled a well next to the Road Commission salt barn. Elevated levels of sodium content were detected in the water samples. Working with Bill Henn from MCRCSIP.

COUNTY ROAD REPORT

Road Superintendent John Bygden presented the Board with an update on the County Roads.

MAY FINANCIAL REPORT

The Finance Director presented the Cash/Cash Equivalents Financial Report for the month ending May 31, 2025.

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, that all reports become part of the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

COMPUTER SERVER

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas to receive the quote from Thatch Consulting Services for a new computer server for \$12,596.97. The server was budgeted in the 2025 Budget for \$10,000. Motion carried unanimously.

JUNE BILLS

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the June 2025 bills in the amount of \$603,801.27. Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASES

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the following purchases in the amount of \$222,637.70:

1	1259136	6/25/25	Action Traffic Maintenance Inc., guardrail replacement after a traffic accident on Long Rapids Road.	\$6,662.50
2	343511	7/01/25	Berger Chevrolet, 2025 Chevrolet One-ton four-wheel drive Silverado Truck.	\$47,076.00
3	325060049	6/14/25	Bit Mat Products, 2011.98 gallons of AE-90 at \$2.35 per gallon plus \$200.00 split load fee.	\$4,928.15
4	62425	6/24/25	Don's Tractor & Equipment Sales, 72" Brush Grapple for skid steer	\$3,500.00
5	PO 159	6/9/25	Forward Distributing, 2,800 gallons of nolead gas at \$2.2355 per gallon.	\$6,259.40
6	PO 162	6/30/25	Forward Distributing, 2,000 gallons of nolead gas at \$2.269 per gallon.	\$4,538.00
7	1002	5/22/25	Premium Hydro Solutions, hydrodemolition & mobilization for Devil River for MDOT TWA.	\$8,500.00
8	PO 161	6/19/25	Scotland Oil Co., 12,000 gallons diesel fuel at \$2.708	

			per gallon.	\$32,496.00
9	X316021823	6/18/25	Stoops, emissions filter for Truck #096.	\$10,324.28
10	876528	6/6/25	Team Elmer's. 909.17 tons 23A road gravel at \$13.95 per ton for tailgate spread.	\$12,682.92
11	876616	6/13/25	Team Elmer's, 2,461.42 tons 23A road gravel at \$13.95 per ton for tailgate spread.	\$34,336.81
12	876723	6/20/25	Team Elmer's, 3,417.61 tons 23A road gravel at \$13.95 per ton for tailgate spread.	\$47,675.66
13	BS0027617	6/4/25	Truck & Trailer Specialties, grader bit board for underbody scraper #143	\$3,657.98
TOTAL PURCHASES				\$222,637.70

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACT PAYMENTS

Moved by Spaulding, seconded by Lucas, to approve the following contract payments in the amount of \$8,530.00:				
1	3074	6/26/25	L.S. Engineering, Inc., Construction Engineering Services for Long Rapids Road Bridge.	\$8,530.00
TOTAL CONTRACT PAYMENTS				\$8,530.00

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner MacArthur commented that the manhole is sinking on Hobbs Drive by Colorado Road and Werth Road. Commissioner Lucas commented that Salina Road, South of Long Rapids Road, has a deep wash out in the road after the rain.

DUST CONTROL AGREEMENTS

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the following Road Agreements for Dust Control:

	Township	ACRC	Total
	<u>Match</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Estimate</u>
Wilson Township			
2025 Local Road Dust Control Program			
35% Solution/Brine	\$47,500.00	\$0.00	\$47,500.00
Sunken Lake Park			
2025 Local Road Dust Control Program			
35% Solution/Brine	300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Long Lake Park			
2025 Local Road Dust Control Program			
35% Solution/Brine	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00

Beaver Lake Park

2025 Local Road Dust Control Program

35% Solution/Brine \$250.00 \$0.00 \$250.00
Motion carried unanimously.

TOWNSHIP ROAD AGREEMENTS

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to approve the following Road Agreements:

	Township Share	ACRC Share	Total Estimate
<u>SANBORN TOWNSHIP:</u>			
Surface Gravel:			
Brousseau Rd @ Wilds Road then North 0.49 mi.	\$ 7,833	\$ 7,833	\$ 15,666
Pratt Rd @ Scott Road then South 0.47 mi.	\$ 7,532	\$ 7,532	\$ 15,064
Lytle Rd. 4,000' S of Kitter Rd 0.25 mi	\$ 4,272	\$ 4,272	\$ 8,544
Hubert Rd @ Hanah Rd then West 0.76 mi.	\$ 13,147	\$ 13,147	\$ 26,294
Ditching:			
Scott Rd @ 1,150' W. of US-23 0.09 mi	\$ 10,402	\$ 10,402	\$ 20,804
Tolan Rd @ 100' S. of Scott Rd	\$ 6,244	\$ 6,244	\$ 12,488
TOTAL SANBORN TOWNSHIP:	\$ 49,430	\$ 49,430	\$ 98,860
	Township Share	ACRC Share	Total Estimate
<u>WILSON TOWNSHIP:</u>			
Surface Gravel:			
Napper Rd @ Wegmeyer Rd then W. 0.19 mi.	\$ 2,997	\$ 2,997	\$ 5,994
Bussie Rd @ Prevo Rd then W. 0.51 mi.	\$ 8,016	\$ 8,016	\$ 16,032
Carney Rd @ Rogers Rd then W. 0.75 mi.	\$ 13,015	\$ 13,015	\$ 26,030
Briar Hill Rd @ Thiem Rd then N. 0.51 mi.	\$ 7,656	\$ 7,656	\$ 15,312
Ditching:			
Harrison Rd @ 1,400' E of Emerson 1.67 mi	\$ 7,739	\$ 7,739	\$ 15,478
Seal Coat:			
Dege Rd @ Wolf Creek Rd then 0.88 mi.	\$ 15,435	\$ 15,435	\$ 30,870
TOTAL WILSON TOWNSHIP:	\$ 54,858	\$ 54,858	\$ 109,716

Motion carried unanimously.

MCRCSIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

Moved by Lucas, seconded by Spaulding, to cast a vote for Lester Livermore from Mackinac CRC, for the At-Large candidate for a three-year term ending in 2028 for the MCRCSIP Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

KEETCH ROAD

Managing Director Ryan Brege informed the Board that a resident had purchased property on this seasonal road and is planning to build a house, but the road is in rough shape and concerned about the heavy equipment. At the special meeting on April 22, 2025, the Board had approved to close all seasonal roads indefinitely after

the ice storm in late March. Mr. Brege also commented that Gayle Cummings, MCRC SIP Administrator, said that the Road Commission has a duty to maintain seasonal roads for reasonable vehicular traffic. Mr. Brege explained that it could be open to the public and add gravel to it. Options were discussed such as establishing a policy to maintain seasonal roads or to abandon Keetch Road. No decision was made regarding this issue.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting of the Alpena County Road Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Alpena County Road Commission.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Gerry MacArthur, Chairman

Julia G. Patterson,
Board Secretary