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**MINUTES for the REGULAR MEETING of the
KALKASKA COUNTY BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS
Held on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 AT 9:00 A.M. at the office located at
1049 Island Lake Road, Kalkaska, Michigan 49646**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called or order by the Chair at 9:00 a.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following Commissioners responded:

Allen, Present
Corrado, Absent - Excused
Walter, Present
Cox, Present
Gill, Present

In addition, the following staff members were present: John Rogers, Manager; Jerry Heim, Finance Director; Rebecca Hilmert, Clerk

4. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Mr. Gill moved Item #12(a) moved directly after the Consent Calendar. Mr. Walter would like Shoulder Maintenance along paved roads added to New Business.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Cox to approve Agenda, seconded by Walter. Four ayes, no nays. Motion carried.

6. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Conflict of Interest Roll Call: Allen, no; Walter, no; Cox, no; Gill, no.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

The purpose of the Consent Calendar is to expedite business by grouping non-controversial items together without discussion. Any member of the Commission, staff, or the public may ask that any item on the Consent Calendar be removed and placed elsewhere on the Agenda for full discussion. Such requests will be automatically respected.

If an item is not removed from the Consent Calendar, the action noted in parentheses on the Agenda is approved by a single Commission action adopting the Consent Calendar. The Manager recommends the following items be adopted:

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- a. **Minutes:** The Board approves the Regular Meeting minutes, dated October 10, 2018.
- b. **Payroll:** The Board approves Payroll #21 (\$51,402.35) and Payroll #22 (\$46,316.47), respectively.
- c. **Accounts Payable:** The Board approves Accounts Payable Disbursements (11/08/2018) in the amount of \$355,827.18 and the Check Register for the period of October 1, 2018 to October 31, 2018.

Motion by Cox to approve the items on the Consent Calendar, seconded by Allen. Roll call vote: Cox, yes; Allen, yes; Walter, yes; Gill, yes. Four ayes, no nays. Motion carried.

8. KALKASKA COUNTY ROAD WORKERS ASSOCIATION CONTRACT

- a. **MOTION by Allen to authorize the three-year contract effective January 1, 2019 between the Kalkaska County Road Commission and the Kalkaska County Road Workers Association and authorize the chairman and vice-chairman to sign, seconded by Cox. Roll call. Allen, yes; Cox, yes; Walter, yes; Gill, yes. Four ayes, no nays. Motion carried.**

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

10. TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVES

- a. Dick Mallot, Coldsprings Township, has questions regarding stump removal on Rita and Woodland Drive. The manager's answer was as we have time.
- b. Paul Erickson, Boardman Township, has a beaver issue with the culvert on Butler Road. He suggests we install a second culvert at the township's expense. He also comments that the potholes on Larson Road are getting worse. Paul would like the Road Commission to work up a bid for Woodman Road, near the Perch Lake boat launch. The manager responded that he will get a quote for Woodman Road, we will look at the culvert on Butler Road and the utility company has promised to repair the damage in front of the American Legion in South Boardman.
- c. Chuck Ardingo, Rapid River Township, has nothing for the board at this time.
- d. Blair Shearer, Blue Lake Township, thanked the road commission for the crack seal on Blue Lake Township roads. He and the manager will discuss Afton Stone on shoulders after the road commission reviews their cost sharing policy.
- e. Ray Hoffman, Coldsprings Township, thanked the board for repaving North Twin Lake Road and crack seal on Sunset Trail.
- f. Bud Banker, Bear Lake Township, requests work to be done on Hillcrest Road and East Bear Lake Road. Thanks the road commission for all their efforts.

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- g. Jim Knight, Bear Lake Township, thanked the road commission for grading Blue Lake Road, please consider doing more grading.

11. FINANCE REPORT/BUDGETS

- a. Finance Reports/Cash Flow Summaries
- b. Corrective action plan for unfunded pension and OPEB liabilities
- c. Hybrid defined benefit plan conversion to defined contribution plan.
- d. Mercer Marketplace
- e. Brine Bids
- f. East Bear Lake Road
 - i. **MOTION by Allen to purchase lot to fix curve and sell remaining parcel to Mr. Smith, not to exceed price of \$15,000.00, seconded by Cox. Roll call. Allen, yes; Cox, yes; Walter, yes; Gill, yes. Four ayes, no nays. Motion carried.**

Break at 10:00 a.m. Meeting resumed at 10:10 a.m.

- g. 2019 Budget
 - i. **MOTION by Allen to hold a Public Hearing during the KCRC Board meeting on December 12, 2018 at 9:15 a.m., for presentation of the proposed 2019 Budget, seconded by Walter. Four ayes, no nays. Motion carried.**

12. APPOINTMENTS (1 hr. TOTAL)

13. OLD BUSINESS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution #2018-04 Senate Bill 396, including any future amendments.
 - i. **MOTION by Cox to adopt Resolution #2018-04 opposing Senate Bill 396, including all future amendments to Senate Bill 396, seconded by Allen. Roll call. Cox, yes; Allen, yes, Walter, no; Gill, yes. Three ayes, one nay. Motion carried.**
- b. First Amendment to the Regional Wetland Bank Participation and Reimbursement Agreement.
 - i. **MOTION by Cox to agree to the First Amendment to the Regional Wetland Bank Participation and Reimbursement Agreement with Grand Traverse County Road Commission and authorize the chairman and**

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manager to sign the agreement, seconded by Allen. Roll call. Cox, yes; Allen, yes; Walter, yes; Gill, yes. Four ayes, no nays. Motion carried.

- c. Maintain Shoulders along Paved Roads
 - i. Discussion was held on Creighton Road shoulders.

15. CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

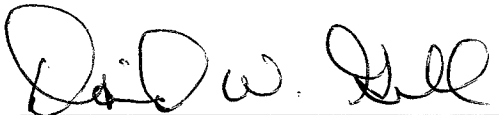
- a. Manager's Report
- b. Policy Committee Report
- c. Personnel Committee Report
 - i. **MOTION by Cox to authorize staff to purchase lapel pins and tumblers to be presented to employees at the Christmas luncheon, not to exceed \$1,200.00, supported by Walter. Roll call. Cox, yes; Walter, yes; Allen, yes; Gill, yes. Four ayes, no nays. Motion carried.**
- d. Safety Committee Report
- e. Chairman's Report
- f. Misc. Correspondence

16. MISCELLANEOUS, PUBLIC COMMENT & OTHER

- a. Ray Hoffman, Coldsprings Township, commented that logging operations and tree cutting are out of control.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Cox to adjourn meeting at 11:30 a.m., seconded by Allen. Four ayes, no nays. Motion carried.



David W. Gill, Chair



Rebecca Hilmert, Clerk

RESOLUTION #2018-04

KALKASKA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
SENATE BILL 396 OPPOSITION

WHEREAS, Roads are the backbone to the social, cultural and economic stability of Kalkaska County and the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill (SB) 396 passed and reported out of the Senate Transportation Committee on September 6, 2018 allows exemptions from seasonal weight restrictions (aka "frost laws") to the forest product industry during the spring thaw when roads are the most vulnerable to damage from heavy loads; and

WHEREAS, It is a fact in Kalkaska County and throughout the northern states that roads become soft in the spring and applying unrestricted 164,000-pound truck loading on soft roads, is fool hardiness that defies common sense and a law allowing such nonsense is poor public policy; and

WHEREAS, SB-396 also grants exemptions to the forest industry that will allow the hauling of forest products and transport of equipment on the public road system without obtaining proper permits from road authorities at all times of the year; and

WHEREAS, the provisions from SB 396, including any future amendments, will result in damage to the public road system; and

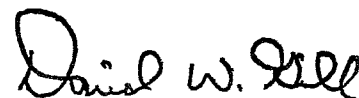
WHEREAS, the provisions of SB 396, including any future amendments, will negatively impact the traveling public accessing the road system, resulting in burdening road authorities with expensive reactive maintenance repairs and significantly increased taxpayer costs to maintain the public road system; and

WHEREAS, the provisions in SB 396, including any future amendments, and subsequent impacts to the local road system will negatively impact the health, safety and welfare of Kalkaska County residents and the traveling public; and

WHEREAS, the Kalkaska County Road Commission and the other road commissions throughout the State of Michigan work closely with the logging industry to keep the economic vitality of the County and the State of Michigan moving by continuously monitoring road conditions and permitting the logging industry to move equipment and material on roads when the roads can structurally support such loading without negatively impacting the road system and traveling public;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kalkaska County Road Commission hereby strongly opposes Senate Bill 396, and any future amendments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a vote hereon be taken by aye and nay and spread at large on the minutes of the Board.



David Gill, Chairman
Kalkaska County Road Commission