

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS

555 North Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Minutes of May 17, 2011

Board Present: Road Commissioners, Doug Fuller, Fred Veigel, Ken Schwartz
County Rep: County Commissioner Rob Turner
Staff Present: S. Puuri, R. Townsend, J. Harmon, C. Ryan, V. Sherman, F. Hieber,
J. Schulz, D. Schulze, J. Patterson, E. Reed
Others Present: L. Allmendinger, B. Stein, M. Callegari, F. Lin, G. Lobdell,
M. Dugun

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Douglas Fuller, Chair. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RC11-139 Veigel moved, Schwartz seconded to approve the agenda as presented.
Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

The Board reviewed the Minutes of the May 3, 2011 Board Meeting.

RC11-140 Schwartz moved, Veigel seconded, the Board hereby accepts the Board Meeting Minutes of May 3, 2011 as presented with two corrections.
Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Access to Board Packet

Bill Stein addressed the Board regarding delays in the Board packet being posted on the WCRC website

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were received and distributed to the Board for review:

- A. Issued on April 29, 2011. A Media Advisory was issued by Jim Harmon, Director of Operations, regarding the closure of Five Mile Road between Spencer Road and Sutton Road on Friday afternoon, April 29, 2011, due to flooding and culvert failure. A copy of the advisory was provided to the Board for review.
- B. Issued on April 29, 2011. A Media Advisory was issued by Jim Harmon, Director of Operations, regarding the closure of Six Mile Road between Rushton Road and Earhart Road on Thursday morning, April 28, 2011, due to severe flooding. The road was re-opened on Friday, April 29th at 5:00 p.m. A copy of this advisory was provided to the Board for review.

- C. Issued on April 29, 2011. A Media Advisory was issued by Jim Harmon, Director of Operations, regarding the closure of Maple Road between Mooreville Road and Milkey Road on Thursday afternoon, April 28, 2011 due to severe flooding. The road was re-opened on Friday, April 29th. A copy of this advisory was provided to the Board for review.
- D. Issued on May 5, 2011. A Media Advisory was issued by Jim Harmon, Director of Operations, regarding the closure of Liberty Road between Honey Run Drive and Stags Leap Lane on Wednesday afternoon, April 20, 2011, due to severe flooding. The road was re-opened on Thursday morning, May 5th. A copy of this advisory was provided to the Board for review.
- E. Issued on May 5, 2011. A Media Advisory was issued by Jim Harmon, Director of Operations, regarding the re-opening of Five Mile Road between Spencer Road and Sutton Road with receding water and the culvert replacement. A copy of this advisory was provided to the Board for review.
- F. Received on May 5, 2011. A correspondence was received from Kenny Siler, President of the Washtenaw County Farm Bureau, regarding the load reduction over the Saline River on Austin Road in Saline Township. A response letter was issued on May 10, 2011 by Douglas Fuller, Board Chair. A copy of both correspondences was provided to the Board for review.
- G. ISSUED: May 13, 2011. A Media Advisory was issued by Gary Streight, Permit & Subdivision Engineer, regarding the temporary road closure on Willis Road between Bunton Road and McKean Road on Monday morning, May 16, 2011, to perform maintenance on a railroad crossing. A copy of this advisory was provided to the Board for review.

ACTION ITEMS

Retirement Resolution of Public Service – Vi Sherman

RC11-141 Schwartz moved, Veigel seconded

WHEREAS, Vi Sherman has served as a valuable, full time employee of the Washtenaw County Road Commission between May 7, 1979 and May 18, 2011, and has elected to retire on May 18, 2011, so as to enjoy the fruits of her labor; and

WHEREAS, Vi Sherman has provided exceptional leadership, steadfast dedication to duty, and active participation as a Light Truck Driver, Heavy Truck Driver and Group Leader, which has greatly benefited the Road Commission, the citizens of Washtenaw County and the traveling public; and

WHEREAS, in having provided 32 years of faithful and able service to the Washtenaw County Road Commission, we know her presence will be greatly missed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Washtenaw County Board of Road Commissioners, thank, acknowledge and commend Vi Sherman for her outstanding, dedicated public service and loyalty, and wish her continued good health and happiness throughout her years of retirement.

Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

Retirement Resolution of Public Service – Fred Hieber

RC11-142 Schwartz moved, Veigel seconded

WHEREAS, Fred Hieber has served as a valuable, full time employee of the Washtenaw County Road Commission between November 9, 1987 and May 18, 2011, and has elected to retire on May 18, 2011, so as to enjoy the fruits of his labor; and

WHEREAS, Fred Hieber has provided exceptional leadership, steadfast dedication to duty, and active participation as a Mechanic and Heavy Truck Driver, which has greatly benefited the Road Commission, the citizens of Washtenaw County and the traveling public; and

WHEREAS, in having provided nearly 24 years of faithful and able service to the Washtenaw County Road Commission, we know his presence will be greatly missed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Washtenaw County Board of Road Commissioners, thank, acknowledge and commend Fred Hieber for his outstanding, dedicated public service and loyalty, and wish him continued good health and happiness throughout his years of retirement.

Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

The items approved on the Consent Agenda are as follows:

RC11-143 Veigel moved, Schwartz seconded the approval of the Consent Agenda for the May 17, 2011 meeting, as presented with one item added. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

2011 Lodi Township Agreement

RC11-144 Veigel moved, Schwartz seconded that upon the recommendation of the Director of Operations and the concurrence of the Managing Director, the Board hereby approves and authorizes the Chair and Managing Director to sign the 2011 Lodi Township Agreement with the Township's share being \$150,078.00. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 YAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

2011 Lyndon Township Agreement

RC11-145 Veigel moved, Schwartz seconded that upon the recommendation of the Director of Operations and the concurrence of the Managing Director, the Board hereby approves and authorizes the Chair and Managing Director to sign the 2011 Lyndon Township Agreement with the Township's share being \$19,641.40. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

2011 Salem Township Revised Agreement

RC11-146 Veigel moved, Schwartz seconded that upon the recommendation of the Director of Operations and the concurrence of the Managing Director, the Board hereby approves and authorizes the Chair and Managing Director to sign the 2011 Salem Township Revised Agreement with the Township's share being \$207,330.68. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

2011 Sharon Township Agreement

RC11-147 Veigel moved, Schwartz seconded that upon the recommendation of the Director of Operations and the concurrence of the Managing Director, the Board hereby approves and authorizes the Chair and Managing Director to sign the 2011 Sharon Township Agreement with the Township's share being \$33,285.40. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

2011 Webster Township Agreement

RC11-148 Veigel moved, Schwartz seconded that upon the recommendation of the Director of Operations and the concurrence of the Managing Director, the Board hereby approves and authorizes the Chair and Managing Director to sign the 2011 Webster Township Agreement with the Township's share being \$131,771.80. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

2011 Ann Arbor Track Club/Champions for Charity – Road Closures

RC11-149 Veigel moved, Schwartz seconded that upon the recommendation of the County Highway Engineer and the concurrence of the Managing Director, the Board approves the closure of the following roads on Sunday, June 5, 2011 for the annual Dexter-Ann Arbor Run:

- Baker Road from Dan Hoey Road to Shield Road - 8:00 a.m. to 8:35 a.m.
- Shield Road from Baker Road to Parker Road – 8:10 a.m. to 8:50 a.m.
- Parker Road from Shield Road to Dexter-Chelsea Road – 8:25 a.m. to 8:50 a.m.
- Dexter-Chelsea Road from Parker Road to Dexter-Pinckney Road – 8:25 a.m. to 8:55 a.m.

- Dexter-Pinckney Road from Dexter-Chelsea Road to the Dexter Village Limit – 8:35 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- Huron River Drive from Mast Road to Zeeb Road – 8:40 a.m. to 9:05 a.m.
- Huron River Drive from Zeeb Road to Wagner Road – 8:35 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- Huron River Drive from Wagner Road to Maple Road – 8:40 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- Huron River Drive from Maple Road to Ann Arbor City Limit – 7:40 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

2011 Salem Community Flag Day Celebration – Road Closure

RC11-150 Veigel moved, Schwartz seconded that upon the recommendation of the County Highway Engineer and the concurrence of the Managing Director, the Board hereby approves the closure of the following roads on Saturday, June 11, 2011, for the Annual Salem Flag Day and Event:

- Six Mile Road from Currie Road to Chubb Road and Salem Road from Six Mile Road to Salem Elementary School, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Dickerson Street and Pearl Street from Six Mile Road to South Street and South Street from Pearl Street to Salem Road – 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m..

Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

2011 Northfield Township Fireworks Display – Road Closure

RC11-151 Veigel moved, Schwartz seconded that upon the recommendation of the County Highway Engineer and the concurrence of the Managing Director, the Board approves the closure of Main Street between 8 Mile Road and 7 Mile Road on Saturday, July 2, 2011 and include a rain date of July 3, 2011 from 7:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. for a fireworks display. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

Ford Boulevard – Rescind Resolution No. RC08-109

RC11-152 Veigel moved, Schwartz seconded that upon the recommendation of the County Highway Engineer and with the concurrence of the Managing Director, the Board hereby rescinds Resolution No. RC08-109; which ordered Ford Boulevard from Michigan Avenue to Holmes Road to be converted to a four-lane cross section. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

Material Testing – Various Federal Aid Projects

RC11-153 Veigel moved, Schwartz that upon the recommendation of the County Highway Engineer and the concurrence of the Managing Director, the Board hereby approves and authorizes the Managing Director to sign the Testing, Engineering & Consultant Services Contract with Soil and Materials Engineers, Inc. for the 2011 Countywide Pavement Preservation Program (HMA Cold Milling and Overlay) in Northfield, Webster, Dexter, Lima, Scio, Ypsilanti, Pittsfield, and Bridgewater Township at an estimated not-to-exceed contract amount of \$26,000.00. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

International Public Works Congress & Exposition - Delegate

RC11-154 Veigel moved, Schwartz that upon the recommendation of the Managing Director, the Board hereby appoints Commissioner Veigel to be the Road Commission delegate to the 2011 APWA international Public Works Congress & Exposition. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

MCRCSIP Annual Membership Meeting – Voting Delegates

RC11-155 Veigel moved, Schwartz seconded that the Board hereby designates Commissioner Fred Veigel as the Voting Delegate to the Michigan County Road Commission Self-Insurance Pool's Annual Meeting on July 20-21, 2010, with Dan Ackerman named as Alternate Delegate. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

Payroll & Bills for May 11, 2011

RC11-156 Veigel moved, Schwartz seconded the Board hereby approves Voucher 9932 totaling \$266,415.39 for payroll of May 5, 2011, and Voucher 9933 totaling \$612,566.38 in payment of bills for May 5, 2011. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Hawks Avenue – Street Modifications

Roy Townsend, Director of Engineering, provided an overview of the Arbor Woods Subdivision Homeowners Association traffic calming initiatives over the last four years. Mr. Townsend stated that the residents contacted our Traffic Staff with a concern about excessive cut through traffic in the Arbor Woods subdivision. Traffic counts were taken and the result justified the placement of speed humps. The residents agreed to place about half of the recommended number of speed humps which were installed in 2009. Traffic counts were performed before and after the installation of traffic humps which demonstrated about a 10% reduction in traffic volumes and a 10% reduction in speed.

The residents continued to express concerns over the cut through traffic and they have proposed to modify the intersection of Hawks Avenue and Packard Road. The Board recommended that staff continue to work with the residents to explore other solutions to minimize the cut-through traffic.

REPORTS

Road Commissioner's Report

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MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Staff Report – 4-24-11 to 5-08-11

Steve Puuri, Managing Director, provided a review of activities during this period. Mr. Puuri stated that several preventative maintenance projects are beginning this week.

Holmes Road, Phase III


Commissioner Schwartz asked about AATA stops and an update on this project.

OPEB Actuarial – Update

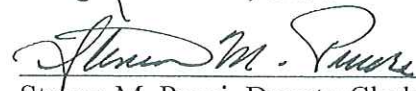
Steve Puuri, Managing Director, provided a review of the OPEB Actuarial Report. Mr. Puuri stated that this report covers the period through 2010 and our liability remains at \$24.7 million. The accrued value of assets was almost \$3.8 million and we are at 13.3% funded.

ADJOURNMENT

RC11-157 Schwartz moved, Veigel seconded to adjourn the May 17, 2011 meeting at 1:41 p.m. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.



Douglas E. Fuller, Chair



Steven M. Puuri, Deputy Clerk
Minutes Approved: CER

