

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners continued their annual meetings with township officials on Thursday, March 09, 2016 at the Harris Township Hall.

PRESENT: William Anderson, Anthony Kakuk, Joseph Skrobiak, Darrell Moilanen, Lisa Savord and Mike Arnold - MCRC Powers District Foreman.

ABSENT: None.

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Present for Harris Township were Supervisor Peter Kleiman, Clerk Tom Draze, Treasurer Doreen Bower, and Trustees Alex Jorasz and Les Kleiman.

Supervisor Peter Kleiman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The road commission was acknowledged at 7:05 p.m.

A copy of the road commission's ACT 51 report was presented to the township. Moilanen thanked Harris Township officials for the invitation to their meeting and made introductions.

Moilanen presented the board with a list of projects for the upcoming year as well as a list of the proposed federal aid and State D projects for years 2017 thru 2020. Moilanen then proceeded to review the projects with the Township. A discussion was held on the Hannahville Indian Community's plans for County Line Road. Phase one, from 38 Road to the race track, is scheduled for this year and will be funded through a combination of BIA, Hannahville and road commission funds.

The Eustis Road project has been completed and it was noted that the township short paid the invoice for their portion of the cost. Supervisor Kleiman stated that was due to the cracking and settling of a portion of pavement on a prior project. The township would like that repaired before they pay the balance due for the Eustis Road project. Moilanen noted that the area in question may need geogrid, and with the work that is already scheduled, it may be a few years before the repair is completed. The road commission plans on performing maintenance work in 2017 and the county 3-Way Road Funding Program will be run again in 2018.

Moilanen advised the township board that spring breakup is bad this year and some roads already had to be closed. He asked them to call the road commission with any roads that they receive complaints on so that they can be checked on.

Clerk Draze asked if there were any plans to upgrade CR551 due to the new golf course that was being built. Moilanen explained that it would cost approximately \$1.8 million to do the whole road. It is possible that in the future the project could be done if some funding is received from the Hannahville Indian Community.

Supervisor Kleiman asked how much federal aid the road commission gets each year. Moilanen responded that approximately \$572,000 of federal aid was available, but it also required a 20% local match.

Clerk Draze asked if CR551 was eligible for BIA funding. Moilanen explained that it was, but that the Hannahville Indian Community's first priority was County Line Road. The HIC has also put BIA funds toward the roads in their new subdivision and the reconstruction of CR 400. CR400 will likely be paved this year, once MJ Electric is done working in the area.

Supervisor Kleiman asked when Cedar River Lane would be completed. Moilanen replied that trees were being cut now, next would be brushing & stumping, then pit run gravel would be put down. Crushed gravel would likely be added in the future. Supervisor Kleiman noted that the school bus would be using this road beginning with the next school year and that the township would like to have it done by then.

Supervisor Kleiman asked if Dump Road had been looked at yet. Mike Arnold responded that he had been out there, but that the road was still frozen in the shaded areas.

Supervisor Kleiman asked what the price of paving would be this year. Moilanen responded that the cost of emulsion was down, but that he hadn't heard the cost of paving yet. He also noted that fuel costs were not the only factor, and that it would also depend on the location of the plant.

Supervisor Kleiman noted that snow removal and ice control on the roads did not seem as good this year, and that some of the township's roads were not plowed out until the afternoon. Moilanen stated that the Powers District had used quite a bit of ice control sand this year. He also noted that some of the routes are done later if the plow driver is assigned to clear the highway, as the highways were the top priority.

Township residents in attendance at the meeting asked when CR551 would be repaved and whether or not it would then be a Class A road. Moilanen responded that he did not have a time frame on when the project would be done and that it may depend on if the Hannahville Indian Community wants to use some of their BIA funds toward the project. The road could be designed to Class A standards if that's what Hannahville or the road commission chose to do. Supervisor Kleiman asked what would happen if Hannahville Indian Community only wanted to pay for CR551 to be done to the 400 Road, would the rest of CR551 not get done then? Moilanen replied that the road could be done in phases.

Supervisor Kleiman asked if the road commission had considered using a pre-wet system. Moilanen replied that we currently do not have the necessary equipment to do so, but when new equipment is purchased that would be an option that would be considered. Mr. Kleiman stated that he thought that would work well for CR551. Moilanen advised that usually the whole road is not sprayed with the pre-wetting solution, just bridge decks that ice up easier than the road.

The road commission representatives left the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Finance Director/Clerk

Chair