

MINUTES OF THE AU GRES TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING TO REVIEW 2024 ROAD PROJECTS April 22nd, 2024 ~ 10:00 A.M.

IN ATTENDANCE: Supervisor Jim Herzog, Clerk Michael Oxley, Treasurer Patricia Tremble, Trustee Penny Kurchak and Trustee Jan Bullock

ABSENT: None

ATTENDEES: Brent Adam, Art Gallop, Wayne Kinne, Joy Willis

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting began at 10:10am with the pledge of allegiance.

Supervisor Jim Herzog explained that he called this special meeting (via a letter to the township clerk dated April 14th, 2024) as the road project reviews were tabled at the April monthly meeting due to lack of information on two of the ACRC road commission work orders.

APPROVAL of AGENDA: A request was made by Treasurer Patricia Tremble to add to the agenda: Correcting the Winter L-4029. Motion made by Clerk Oxley to approve the agenda as amended. Motion supported by Trustee Penny Kurchak. Voice vote: All yeas. No nays. Agenda (amended) approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Joy Willis questioned the Manor road paving project (Davis road to Hale Road) with respect to environmental contamination. Herzog explained that the road borings were exploratory to see what was possible with the paving project, pointing out that any paving would be next year, or the year after, at the earliest, and possibly never.

BOARD COMMENT: Clerk Oxley apologized to Treasurer Pat Tremble and Trustee Penny Kurchak, who were unaware of the meeting. It having been discussed with all board members, but apparently Oxley had not confirmed the meeting with Tremble and Kurchak.

REVIEW OF 2024 ROAD PROJECTS: Oxley explained to the board how each Arenac County Road Commission (ACRC) work order was calculated. There is the overall cost, a 15% contingency fee, then there is the ACRC matching monies (\$60,000 total this year). All those figures totaled are shown as a maximum cost to the township. Noting that using the matching monies on one road project does not make them available for another project.

#1: Dreyer Road from Manor Road to the Bay - Woods Excavation bid was \$45,000. Herzog showed the road commission bid on this project came in at \$62,700.

Motion made by Oxley to approve Woods Excavating to put 6-8" of rock on 1-1/2 miles of Dreyer road from Manor Road to the Bay. Motion supported by Kurchak. Voice Vote: All Ayes, No Nays, Motion Approved.

#2: Bessinger Road 1-1/2" Limestone from Santiago West for 1 Mile \$38,000 - There was discussion of the work done on Bessinger road the previous year, this project is a continuation of that work, on east end of Bessinger at Santiago.

Motion made by Tremble to rock (1-1/2" Limestone) Bessinger Road 1 mile West of Santiago (Marijuana Funds to be used). Motion supported by Trustee Jan Bullock. Voice Vote: All Ayes, No Nays, Motion Approved. Marijuana Funds to be used.

#3: Crawford Road 1-1/2" Limestone Bessinger to Noggle 1.90 Miles \$64,600 - All board members agreed that Crawford road needed work. Motion made by Tremble to rock (1-1/2" Limestone Road mix) on Crawford Road from Bessinger to Noggle Road using Road Fund monies. Motion supported by Oxley. Voice Vote: All Ayes, No Nays, Motion Approved.

#4: Noggle Road 1-1/2" Limestone from Nearman to Santiago (0.6 Miles) \$20,900 - After discussion, this project was tabled by the board.

#5: Noggle Road 1-1/2" Limestone from Shenfield East (0.6 Miles) \$20,900 - After discussion, this project was also tabled by the board.

BOTH TABLED FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING APRIL 14th.,

#6: Santiago Road Chip Seal from Gordon Road to Bay Ridge Drive \$33,350 - Chip seal work is needed in order to preserve a previously paved road - ACRC recommends chip sealing every 3-5 years. This project is accompanied by the ACRC chip sealing (their cost) of Santiago from US-23 to Gordon Road. Motion made by Tremble to chip seal Santiago road from Gordon South to Bay Ridge Drive (using Road Funds). Motion supported by Oxley. Voice Vote: All Ayes, No Nays, Motion Approved.

#7: Swenson Road Chip Seal US-23 to Manor Road \$54,624 - Again chip sealing to extend the life of Swenson road (paved in 2020). Motion made by Oxley to chip seal Swenson road from US-23 to Manor road (using Marijuana Funds). Motion supported by Kurchak. Voice Vote: All Ayes, No Nays, Motion Approved.

#8: Thaut Road 1-1/2" Limestone from Santiago West to End of Road (0.9 miles) \$38,000 - Motion made by Tremble to improve Thaut road with 1-1/2" limestone for 0.9 miles (Santiago West to dead end). Motion supported by Oxley. Voice Vote: All Ayes, No Nays, Motion Approved.

#9: Ditch Cleaning - Santiago West from ACRC's Cross Culvert to 100 Feet past Bay Ridge Drive - Killingbeck Excavating \$12,000 (plus a possible 5 culverts at \$2800 each) - This project would include cleaning out the ditch on the west side of Santiago south to Bay Ridge Drive. Motion made by Bullock to clean Santiago ditches from the Road Commission cross-culvert south to Bay Ridge Drive, replacing culverts as needed. e the culvert and clean out the Santiago ditch, South to Bay Ridge Drive, not to exceed \$26,000 (using Ditching Funds). Motion supported by Tremble. Voice Vote: All Ayes, No Nays, Motion Approved.

#10: Ditch Cleaning - 5/8" mile both sides of Manor road from Santiago to Green Drive Killingbeck's Excavating \$20,000 - Motion made by Tremble to clean out the ditches on both sides of Manor Road from Santiago East to Green drive (not to exceed \$20,000 using Ditching Funds). Motion supported by Bullock. Voice Vote: All Ayes, No Nays, Motion Approved.

#10: Amen Drain Ditch Cleaning - This is a Drain Commissioner project. Killingbeck Excavating \$4,000 (with the township sharing the cost as \$2,000 using Ditching Funds). Discussion followed whether this was needed or no, and the topic was tabled for now. To be discussed at the May meeting.

BOARD COMMENT: Oxley brought up the SLFRF/ARPA report due at the end of the month. And how we had monies left unspent. Oxley planned to use the remaining monies on the Assessor BS&A package (public online lookup). Herzog thanked the board for all the work they do. The board thanked Herzog for pulling together all the road projects.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Joy Willis asked if other ditches were planned on being cleaned out, other than those projects approved at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: TIME – 11:50am. Motion made by Tremble to adjourn the meeting. Supported by Kurchak. Voice vote: All yeas. No Nays. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes approved at the regular Board of Trustees Meeting on _____

James Herzog, Supervisor _____

Michael Oxley, Clerk _____