

# SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

## GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2018 4PM | *Meeting called to order by* Marti Wegner

### In Attendance

Marti Wegner-Chair      Roy D'Antonio-Vice Chair      John Matonich      Dan Peterson  
Kevin Haustein      Darren Pionk      Patti Hagstrom

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by D'Antonio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Haustein; all in favor, none opposed.

### Public Comment

None

### New Business

a) 2018 CRASIF Board of Trustee Ballot ~

The ballot was presented to the Board with 3 candidates. Motion to vote for Ken Hulka, an incumbent known by Darren, was made by Matonich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D'Antonio; all in favor, none opposed.

b) Rental Excavator ~

Discussion took place regarding the rental of an excavator from a private contractor by the GCRC and furthermore transported to and from Darren Pionk's residence using GCRC equipment and employees. Discussion also took place about this behavior and the consequences for such behavior by the Engineer/Manager Mr. Pionk.

In the discussion it was revealed that there was no rental agreement with the equipment owner and either the GCRC or Mr. Pionk and that the rental rate was unknown. The discussion then turned to inappropriateness of the level of involvement between the Engineer/Manager and a county vendor/contractor as well as the illegality of using county personnel and equipment for personal benefit.

Motion to 1) Receive evidence of the rental agreement, rental hours and paid invoice between the contractor and Darren Pionk for the rental of this equipment for his personal use. 2) Reimbursement from Darren Pionk of expenses incurred by GCRC to transport the rental to and from job sites to and from his residence . 3) Suspend Darren Pionk for 1-week starting Monday was made by Matonich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peterson.

Further discussion took place.

Motion to amend the item 3) Suspend Darren Pionk for 3-weeks with no pay, he will not be allowed on the premises, turn in keys to equipment #101, keys to the office, cell phone, and documentation placed

on his file was made by D'Antonio, 2<sup>ND</sup> by Matonich; roll call on amendment item 3) was taken: Aye ~ D'Antonio, Aye ~ Matonich, Nay ~ Haustein, Nay ~ Peterson, Aye ~ Wegner. Amended motion passes. Roll call on the original motion with the amended motion was taken Aye ~ Matonich, Nay ~ Haustein, Nay ~ Peterson, Aye ~ D'Antonio, Aye ~ Wegner. Original motion with amended motion passes. Motion to name Patti Hagstrom as interim manager during the suspension of Darren Pionk was made by Matonich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D'Antonio; roll call: Aye ~ D'Antonio, Aye ~ Matonich, Aye ~ Peterson, Nay ~ Haustein, Aye ~ Wegner. Motion passes.

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Public Comment

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None

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Adjourn

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Motion to adjourn was made at 5:10PM by Haustein, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matonich; all in favor, none opposed.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS

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SECRETARY

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CHAIR