

# REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

## GOGEBIC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018 4:18PM | *Meeting called to order by* Marti Wegner

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### In Attendance

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Marti Wegner-Chair                  Roy D'Antonio-Vice Chair                  John Matonich                  Dan Peterson  
Darren Pionk                  Patti Hagstrom                  5 Public Attendees

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### Pledge of Allegiance

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### Approval of Agenda

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Motion to approve the agenda was made by Matonich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peterson; all in favor, none opposed.

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### Approval of Meeting Minutes

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Motion to approve the minutes was made by Matonich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peterson; all in favor, none opposed.

- Finance Meeting of Monday, January 8, 2018
- Organizational and Regular Meeting of Monday, January 8, 2018

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### Public Comment

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None

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### Old Business

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- a) Night Patrol Arbitration Settlement Agreement ~  
Motion to have Chair Wegner sign Agreement, identified as Log#A30978-662-17, was made by Matonich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D'Antonio; roll call: Ayes ~ D'Antonio, Matonich, Peterson & Wegner, Nays ~ none.
- b) Lake Road Reconstruction Guardrail Options ~  
A recommendation from the Board at a previous meeting had requested that other types of barriers be researched for this specific project to maintain the aesthetics of the project location. After consultations with MDOT & FHWA regarding cable-tension or wooden guardrail it was determined that these types of barriers would add a significant amount of cost to the project. Motion to move forward with the installation of standard guardrail with the possible option to powder coat the guardrail to maintain the aesthetics of the location was made by Matonich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D'Antonio; all in favor, none opposed.

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## New Business

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- a) Copps Mine Road Bridge ~  
This bridge is in Marenisco Township and crosses the Presque Isle River. It has been shut down for over 6 years and is considered "Fracture-Critical". MDOT and FHWA are reviewing structures to be removed from the inventory. Discussion took place and it is recommendation of the Board to have Darren contact the owners of property near the bridge and Marenisco Township to begin discussion on the future of this bridge.
- b) 5-Year Road Improvement Plan ~  
The draft plan was discussed. Matonich would like to schedule a workshop to discuss this draft plan in detail and include the road foremen in the discussion.
- c) Mechanic and Marenisco LEO Positions Update ~  
Discussion took place and it is the recommendation of the Board to hire an additional mechanic which will bring the mechanic staff to 4 (2 for day shift and 2 for afternoon shift). Darren advised the Board that it is the intent to have 4 full-time employees working out of the Marenisco Township Garage.

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## Public Comment

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Dan Siirila stated that hiring a 4<sup>th</sup> mechanic was a good choice. He asked about the powder coating of the guardrail for the Lake Road Project. He also commented on how good the snow removal has been this year.

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## Adjourn

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Motion to adjourn was made at 5:11PM by D'Antonio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peterson; all in favor, none opposed.

# BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS

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SECRETARY

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CHAIR