

Regular Session of the Board of County Road Commissioners for the County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, was held with Polycom access at 5:00 p.m.

The Chairman Shafer of the board called the meeting to order and the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag was given.

Present: Chairman Eric Shafer, Vice Chairman Rodney Chupp, Commissioner David Miars, Commissioner Jack Coleman, and Clerk Julie Mayuiers

Absent: Commissioner Vince Mifsud  
Staff Members Present: John Lindsey, Managing Director

Visitors: Robert Tomlinson, Three Rivers Commercial News  
Ted Crocker, Corey Lake Marina, 59549 County Line Road  
Luis Rosado, White Pigeon  
Tom Benigno, Fish Lake  
Bob Milne, Former SJCRC Employee

Motion by Commissioner Coleman seconded by Commissioner Miars to approve Agenda and Consent Agenda of August 3, 2022. Shafer Abstained due to absent at meeting. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Tom Benigno – just here because of Fish Lake issues. People have now been served and have 10 days to remove boats. Speedboat and pontoon are removed but hoist still in water because of broken cable. Wants the road commission to make an ordinance and end this issue.

Luis Rosado – here to watch and observe how other meetings run. He would like to be appointed as the County Liaison to the Road Commission.

Ted Crocker – asked if road commission had come to any solution on the water issue and damages caused to his property.

John Lindsey reported that a court case had been filed by Hochestetler against Kimberly Trine but road commission was not listed. Then today the road commission board received a Summons that we are now named as 3<sup>rd</sup> party plaintiff's. He will send this information off to the MCRCSIP attorney's to review. He will await Attorney, Bill Henn's response.

**MOTION**

Motion by Commissioner Miars supported by Commissioner Coleman to vote for 3 (three) candidates total to serve on the 2022 CRASIF Board of Trustees.

- Three (3) one-year at-large positions; John Hunt, Deb Kestner, and Michael Scott

Motion carried.

## MOTION

Motion by Vice Chairman Chupp seconded by Commissioner Miars to authorize Chairman Shafer to sign the Annual Certification of Employee-related Conditions for Certification Year 2022.

Motion carried.

### Citizen's Comments:

Ted Crocker – asked about the Corey Lake water situation again. He asked what the road commission attorney has told road commission? If we can come up with a solution he won't proceed with his attorney. He has lots of washouts, there is a rain water run off situation. If he needs to pursue without an agreement he will go for everything. He requested we keep all the water and dirt off his property. Since the raceway was cleaned out the amount of water has doubled.

Eric Shafer said we will take it a step at a time.

Ted said he's not waiting any longer, it's been 10 years he has dealt with this issue.

Eric Shafer said as soon as we hear from our attorney we will contact him.

Ted then asked if the commissioners had 1' of water/mud on their property would they not look for a solution? It's time to get something done now and not wait any longer.

Eric then ask John Lindsey to call Attorney Bill Henn the following day to see where things stood.

Luis said he had met with John Lindsey for a couple of hours and appreciated the time he took. If selected in the November election he would like to be the liaison for the road commission with the county commissioners.

### Commissioners Comments:

David Miars – He and Commissioner Coleman are working on the Policies and will be bringing some suggestions to future meetings. Noticed several other road commissioners had shirts with logos on them and he'd like to see our commissioners purchase shirts to wear. These would be paid for out of their own funds, not road commission funds.

Jack Coleman – He appreciates the citizens coming to the meetings, we've had too many meetings with no citizens present. He's been talking with Mark Major of Lockport Township and since the Covered Bridge is in Lockport Township he would like to do a joint benefit to raise fund for the Covered Bridge remodel next year. There is additional funding available to have a dinner on the bridge. There was another fundraiser held on the bridge several years ago by the Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce.

Rodney Chupp – Left a message the other day on a pothole and then noticed someone had put 2 sandbags in it to make it level. Current County Commission Chairperson Pangle not winning the recent primary will change things on the County Board. This will mean there will be 4 out of the 7 County Commissioners new next year. It is important to understand this. Good communication is key with a new Board. Just a reality, nothing against a new Board. It's always good to meet with the new Commissioners. We need to remind them of the Resolution they passed to maintain Langley Covered Bridge. They committed to a portion of the funds to make improvements. Along with inflation the cost of the bridge is going up. General public wanted the bridge to remain and not be replaced.

Eric Shafer – We have a to-do list to work on...Blanchard Street, Corey Lake situation and refamiliarize himself with all these issues. Thank you to the staff for the additional work on the 2021 Financial Audit Report. Thank you to Michel Harris for his hard work and dedication to the road commission as the Director of Operations and good luck on his new ventures in Florida.

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm.

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Eric B. Shafer, Chairman

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Julie A. Mayuiers, Clerk of the Board

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