

-38% calcium chloride bid provided by Great Lakes Chloride (\$0.759 per gallon) and 32% winter brine (\$0.654 per gallon).

-Gravel production (22A and 23A aggregate at our Thompson Pit property) bid provided by Team Elmers (\$9.65 per yard for 22A and \$8.75 per yard for 23A).

Discussion: None.

Ayes: Commissioners Rosa, Bowers and Beechraft. Nays: None. – Motion is hereby adopted.

Motion to accept 2023 Road Commission financial audit report & Act-51 report:

Nedow distributed copies of the September 30, 2023 audit report as prepared by Smith & Klaczkiwicz PC which presented an unqualified (clean) opinion with no significant deficiencies found in the Road Commission's internal controls. The report did note two minor findings; the absence of interim financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles that include full footnote disclosures. The second finding noted a lack of segregation of duties among tasks performed by the accounting staff. Nedow informed the Board that both audit findings are common among smaller-sized road commissions with limited staffing and are the same observations noted in previous audits and the Board is aware of both deficiencies and believes the cost of implementing corrective measures (hire additional staff) outweighs any potential risks.

Motion by Commissioner Bowers supported by Commissioner Beechraft to accept the 2023 year-end audit report and accompanying financial statements as reviewed and prepared by Smith & Klaczkiwicz PC.

Discussion: none.

Ayes: Commissioners Rosa, Bowers and Beechraft. Nays: None. – Motion is hereby adopted.

Motion by Commissioner Bowers supported by Commissioner Beechraft to accept the 2023 audited Act-51 report which Nedow will submit to the State of Michigan via their reporting portal.

Discussion: none.

Ayes: Commissioners Rosa, Bowers and Beechraft. Nays: None. – Motion is hereby adopted.

Correspondence/Informational/Discussion:

Heard report from Manager Hinds on the following topics:

-Update on design plans for a future road commission facility. Hinds hopes to have the final version ready to present to the Board at their February 22nd meeting.

-Provided a progress report on whether the urethane sleeve option for repairing the CR-669 culvert at the Platte River Hatchery is acceptable to the local regulatory agencies.

-Efforts to prepare and obtain approval for various road and bridge repair estimates from Inland Township for the coming year.

-Preliminary inquiries whether our road crew could manufacture own bridge spans for bridge repair as the Oceana County Road Commission is presently doing.

-Update on CRA funding to finance the Bixler Road culvert replacement engineering costs.

-Creating design plans for the Lincoln Road project (requested and approved by Benzonia Township) which Hinds feels is necessary before the project can be bid out.

Public Input: None.

Board Round Table: None

With no more business to discuss, Chairman Rosa adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Robert Rosa, Chairman

Joel Nedow, Clerk