

1900 4 Mile Road, NW  
Walker, Michigan 49544

February 13, 2024

The Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Kent met in the Road Commission offices.

The regular meeting was called to order by Commissioner Rob VerHeulen, Chair, at 8:00 a.m.

Present: Commissioners Cynthia Janes, Dave Medema, Roger Morgan, David Morren, and Rob VerHeulen, Managing Director Jerry Byrne, Director of Finance Macy Barcheski, and Executive Secretary Karen Luneke.

Also present: Deputy Managing Director of Engineering Wayne Harrall, Director of Maintenance Steve Roon, Director of Building and Equipment Steve Roose, Director of Traffic and Safety Tim Haagsma, Director of Human Resources Mike Dennis, Assistant Director of Traffic and Safety Shirley Wollner, Assistant Director of Finance Mario Guerra, Communications Manager Maura Lamoreaux, Purchasing Manager Andrew Nordstrom, IT Manager Tim Care, Right-of-Way Office Manager L. R. Cole, Plat Engineer Darren Vink, Human Resources Coordinator Courtney Clifford, and Michael Zaskiewicz.

Chair VerHeulen asked for a moment of silence in honor of former Managing Director Steve Warren, who passed away on January 23, 2024.

All those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Item #3      Public Comment**

Chair VerHeulen questioned if there were any public comments.

Michael Zaskiewicz, 3900 Knapp Street, NE, came forward and presented the Board with a letter and 111 signed petitions regarding the recent fatality and problems on Knapp Street. He feels there is a traffic and safety issue, as well as an engineering design issue with

the road. Some of the problems are drivers using the middle turn lane to pass, mailboxes being hit or located on the wrong side of road, the speed limit is too high, and residents having difficulty trying to get out of their driveways. Mr. Zaskiewicz would like to coordinate with other agencies to address these issues.

Chair VerHeulen thanked Mr. Zaskiewicz for bringing this to the Board. The Board will make no comments at this meeting.

**Item #4      Approval of Minutes**

The Board discussed minutes for the Board meeting and public hearings held Tuesday, January 23, 2024, and the public hearing held Wednesday, January 24, 2024.

Moved by Commissioner Janes, seconded by Commissioner Morren that the **minutes be approved.**

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Janes, Medema, Morgan, Morren, and VerHeulen — 5.

Nays: 0.

**Item #5      Disbursements and Cash Balances**

The disbursements for the check run dated February 2, 2024, were presented to the Board by Director of Finance Barcheski. She stated payroll included \$154,216.01 in overtime.

Director Barcheski stated the General Fund has \$27,595,178.27 remaining after approval of disbursements. Of that amount, \$8,181,379.05 is unavailable operating funds, leaving \$19,413,799.22 in total available operating funds.

Moved by Commissioner Morren, seconded by Commissioner Janes that **Payroll of \$1,004,591.96, Construction Estimates of \$0.00, New Central Complex Expenditures of \$0.00, Accounts Payables of \$1,865,364.21, and Cash Balances and Investments for**

**the check run dated February 2, 2024, are approved by the Board, and warrants ordered drawn for the same.**

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Janes, Medema, Morgan, Morren, and VerHeulen — 5.

Nays: 0.

**Item #6      December 2023 Michigan Transportation Fund**

Director of Finance Barcheski reviewed the Michigan Transportation Fund revenues that were collected in December 2023. She stated the funds received were \$6,809,007, a variance of \$1,684,816 more than what was budgeted. To date, receipts are up 9.4 percent over this time last year. The funds were higher than normal because KCRC received \$1.8M from the marijuana excise tax.

The report was received for information.

**Item #7      January 2024 Financial Statements**

Director of Finance Barcheski reviewed for the Board the January 2024 Financial Statements.

The report was received for information.

**Item #8      Action on Public Hearings**

Managing Director Byrne stated public hearings were held on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, for the following 2024 primary road reconstruction projects:

- a.     Project:        68th Street from Kraft Avenue to west of Cherry Valley Avenue  
     Type:         3-lane primary all-season construction, HMA trail extension  
     Length:       0.92 mile  
     Est. cost :     \$1,700,000,000  
     Funding:       \$1,200,000 Federal STP/TAP, \$440,000 KCRC, \$60,000  
                         Caledonia Township

- b.           Project:       84th Street from Kraft Avenue to west of M-37  
              Type:       2-lane primary all-season construction  
              Length:     0.8 mile  
              Est. cost:   \$1,700,000  
              Funding:   \$1,052,000 Federal STP, KCRC \$648,000  
                              Caledonia Township

Deputy Managing Director Harrall stated staff is requesting the Board approve both projects to move forward to bidding for 2024 construction.

Moved by Commissioner Medema, seconded by Commission Janes that the **proposed improvements for the above-listed projects are authorized by the Board** as presented at the public hearings, as recommended by staff.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Janes, Medema, Morgan, Morren, and VerHeulen — 5.

Nays: 0.

**Item #9       Title Sheets**

Managing Director Byrne requested that the Board sign and execute the title sheets for the following projects:

- a.           Project:       68th Street from Kraft Avenue to west of Cherry Valley Avenue  
              Type:       3-lane primary all-season construction, HMA trail extension  
              Length:     0.92 mile  
              Est. cost :   \$1,700,000,000  
              Funding:   \$1,200,000 Federal STP/TAP, \$440,000 KCRC, \$60,000  
                              Caledonia Township
- b.           Project:       84th Street from Kraft Avenue to west of M-37  
              Type:       2-lane primary all-season construction  
              Length:     0.8 mile  
              Est. cost:   \$1,700,000  
              Funding:   \$1,052,000 Federal STP, KCRC \$648,000

Moved by Commissioner Morren and supported by Commissioner Morgan that the **Board is authorized to sign and execute the title sheets for the above projects**, as recommended by staff.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Janes, Medema, Morgan, Morren, and VerHeulen — 5.

Nays: 0.

**Item #10     Action on Public Hearing: Natural Beauty Road Designation**

Managing Director Byrne stated a public hearing was held on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at Cannon Township Hall to discuss a petition to designate 5 Mile Road from Dursum Avenue to Honey Creek Avenue a Natural Beauty Road (NBR).

Deputy Managing Director Harrall stated Cannon Township Board has rescinded the local road work order for future improvements of 5 Mile Road from Honey Creek Avenue to 3500 feet west.

In response to meeting attendees' comments that this segment of 5 Mile Road has the unique characteristics of a NBR, Director Harrall stated:

- Cannonsburg State Game area abuts 5 Mile Road, not only along this unpaved section, but along the paved portions as well
- The North County Trail runs parallel with 5 Mile Road along with 23 additional miles of Kent County unpaved roads and 39.25 miles of paved county roads
- Parcel 41-11-34-200-001 addressed 7700 5 Mile Road has a sale pending on 49 acres. Current zoning allows for two-acre building sites

Moved by Commissioner Morren, seconded by Commissioner Morgan that the Board **deny the Natural Beauty Road designation of 5 Mile Road** from Dursum Avenue to Honey Creek Avenue, Cannon Township, as recommended by staff.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Janes, Medema, Morgan, Morren, and VerHeulen — 5.

Nays: 0.

**Item #11     Purchase of Right-of-Way**

Managing Director Byrne requested authorization for purchase of right-of-way for the following:

- a.     Project:                84th Street Reconstruction – Kraft Avenue to west of M-37  
Property Owner:        James and Lisa Anderson  
Address:                **5907 84th Street SE**  
Purchase:                Highway Easement  
                                 • 17 ft. x 540 ft. (9,180 sft) @ \$0.91/sft  
Just Compensation: \$8,360

**Easement Description:**

Commencing at the South 1/4 Corner of Section 17, T05N, R10W Caledonia Township, thence S89°03'35"W 940.00 feet along the South Section Line; thence N00°21'50"W 33.00 feet to the existing Northerly Right of Way line of 84th Street and the Point of Beginning; thence N00°21'50"W 17.00 feet along the Westerly property line; thence N89°03'35"E 540.00 feet along a line which is parallel with the North Right of Way Line of 84th Street to the Easterly property line; thence S00°21'50"E 17.00 feet along said Easterly property line to the existing Right of Way line; thence S89°03'35"W 540.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Contains 9,180 Square Feet M/L and is subject to easements and restrictions of record.

- b.     Project:                84th Street Reconstruction – Kraft Avenue to west of M-37  
Property Owner:        B. Bolema Real Estate One, LLC  
Address:                **6013 84th Street SE**  
Purchase:                Highway Easement  
                                 • 17 ft. x 211 ft. (3,587 sft) @ \$0.91/sft. = \$3,270  
                                 • Grading Permit = \$100  
Just Compensation: \$3,370

**Easement Description:**

Commencing at the South 1/4 Corner of Section 17, T05N, R10W Caledonia Township, thence N00°21'50"W 33.00 feet along the North-South 1/4 Line to the Point of Beginning; thence N00°21'50"W 17.00 feet along said 1/4 line (which is also the Westerly property line); thence N89°14'27"E 211.00 feet along a line which is parallel with the North Right of Way Line of 84th Street to the Easterly property line; thence S00°21'50"E

17.00 feet along said Easterly property line to the existing North Right of Way line of 84th Street; thence S89°14'27"W 211.00 feet along the existing northerly Right of Way line to the West property line to the Point of Beginning. Contains 3,587 Square Feet M/L and is subject to easements and restrictions of record.

- c.     Project:                      84th Street Reconstruction – Kraft Avenue to west of M-37  
       Property Owner:       Tom and Nancy Pell  
       Address:                    **6045 84th Street SE**  
       Purchase:                Highway Easement
- 17 ft. x 198 ft. (3,366 sft) @ \$1.63/sft. = \$5,490
  - Grading Permit = \$100
- Just Compensation: \$5,590

**Easement Description:**

Commencing at the South 1/4 Corner of Section 17, T05N, R10W Caledonia Township, thence N89°14'27"E 211.00 feet along the South line of the Section; thence N00°21'50"W 33.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence N00°21'50"W 17.00 feet along the Westerly property line; thence N89°14'27"E 198.00 feet along a line which is parallel with the North Right of Way Line of 84th Street to the Easterly property line; thence S00°21'50"E 17.00 feet along said Easterly property line to the existing North Right of Way line of 84th Street; thence S89°14'27"W 198.00 feet along the existing northerly Right of Way line to the West property line to the Point of Beginning. Contains 3,366 Square Feet M/L and is subject to easements and restrictions of record.

- d.     Project:                      84th Street Reconstruction – Kraft Avenue to west of M-37  
       Property Owner:       Mark Cherpes  
       Address:                    **6046 84<sup>th</sup> Street SE**  
       Purchase:                Highway Easement
- 17 ft. x 503 ft. (8,552 sft) @ \$0.91/sft. = \$7785
  - Grading Permit = \$155
- Just Compensation: \$7,940

**Easement Description:**

Commencing at the North 1/4 Corner of Section 20, T05N, R10W Caledonia Township, thence S00°43'30"W 33.00 feet along the North-South 1/4 line to the Point of Beginning; thence N89°14'27"E 502.85.00 feet along the existing Southerly Right-of-Way of 84th Street; thence S00°45'33"E 17.00 feet along the Easterly property line; thence S89°14'27"W 503.28 feet to the West property line; thence N00°43'30"E 17.00 feet along said property line to the Point of Beginning. Contains 8,552 Square Feet M/L and is subject to easements and restrictions of record.

Moved by Commissioner Janes, seconded by Commissioner Medema that the Board authorizes the **purchase of the above right-of-way**, as recommended by staff.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Janes, Medema, Morgan, Morren, and VerHeulen — 5.

Nays: 0.

**Item #12     2025 Federal STP Funds**

Managing Director Byrne requested authorization to execute a Federal Funding Exchange agreement with Newaygo County Road Commission.

Agency:	<b>Newaygo County Road Commission</b>
Amount:	\$1,106,000 STP Flex
Year:	2025
Rate:	75% (\$829,500)

Deputy Managing Director Harrall stated the additional federal aid will supplement current 2025 federal funding for the 10 Mile Road and Pine Island Drive and 10 Mile Road and Myers Lake Avenue roundabout safety projects, as well as the all-season reconstruction of Lincoln Lake Avenue north of Belding Road, and 84<sup>th</sup> Street east of Patterson Avenue.

Commissioner Morgan offered the following resolution in reference to the Federal Aid Exchange Program.

**Resolution for  
Participation in the 2025  
Federal Aid Exchange Program**

**WHEREAS**, the Kent County Road Commission has participated in the Federal Aid Exchange Program in fiscal years 2016 - 2024, and

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Department of Transportation is planning to allow this program to continue in 2025, and



**WHEREAS**, the Kent County Road Commission is requesting to purchase approximately \$1,106,000 STP Flex Funds from Newaygo County Road Commission, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Road Commissioners of the County of Kent supports the purchase of STP Federal Aid from our neighboring county.

**WHEREAS**, Gerald Byrne, Managing Director of the Kent County Road Commission is hereby authorized to execute said Agreement for and on behalf of the Board.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of the Kent County Road Commissioners of the County of Kent hereby resolve that the Kent County Road Commission is hereby actively seeking participation in the 2025 Federal Aid Exchange Program.

Moved by Commissioner Morgan and supported by Commissioner Morren that the Board **adopt the resolution supporting the purchase of Federal Aid from Newaygo County Road Commission** as recommended by staff.

Motion carried by the following votes:

Yeas: Commissioners Janes, Medema, Morgan, Morren, and VerHeulen — 5.

Nays: 0.

**Item #13     Quit Claim and Relinquish Easements**

Managing Director Byrne requested authorization to quit claim release interest in road end strip and relinquish highway and maintenance easements on Conrail Drive within Railside West No. 7.

Plat Name:     **Railside West**

Location:     South of 76th Street and east of Homerich Avenue, Section 17,  
Byron Township

Type:     Road end strip on existing west end of Byron Depot and highway  
and maintenance easements on Conrail Drive within Railside  
West No. 7

Deputy Managing Director Harrall stated the construction of Railside West No. 7 has eliminated the need for the road end strip and temporary highway and maintenance

easements. It is necessary to quit claim and relinquish the easements within the plat to provide clear title for the final plat documents.

**Quit Claim Description:**

Part of the NE 1/4 of Section 17, T5N, R12W, Byron Township, Kent County, Michigan described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot 207 of Railside West No. 6; thence S10°59'48"W 51.21 feet along the Westerly line of said Lot 207 to the PLACE OF BEGINNING of this description; thence S10°59'48"W 10.27 feet along said Westerly line; thence Northwesterly 103.82 feet on a 507.00 foot radius curve to the left, the chord of which bears N71°32'25"W 103.64 feet; thence N13°43'25"E 136.02 feet; thence Southeasterly 21.83 feet on a 643.00 foot radius curve to the right, the chord of which bears S76°11'42"E 21.83 feet to the Westerly line of Lot 208 of Railside West No. 6; thence S14°50'37"W 10.00 feet along said Westerly line to the Southwest corner of said Lot 208; thence Northwesterly 11.63 feet on a 633.00 foot radius curve to the left, the chord of which bears N75°45'00"W 11.63 feet; thence S13°43'25"W 116.00 feet; thence Southeasterly 93.30 feet on a 517.00 foot radius curve to the right, the chord of which bears S71°06'23"E 93.17 feet to the Place of Beginning.

Moved by Commissioner Morren, seconded by Commissioner Medema that the Board **authorizes quit claim release interest on the road end strip on the existing west end of Byron Depot within Railside West No. 7, Section 17, Byron Township, as recommended by staff.**

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Janes, Medema, Morgan, Morren, and VerHeulen — 5.

Nays: 0.

**Description of Highway Easement for Ingress, Egress and Utilities for Highway purposes to be released:**

A 66.00 foot wide strip of land, the centerline of which is described as: Part of the SE at 1/4, Section 17, T5N, R12W, Byron Township, Kent County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the south 1/4 corner of Section 17; thence N00°21'00"E 2,337.20 feet along the West line of said SE 1/4 to the Point of Beginning; thence S89°39'00"E 280.36 feet; thence Southeasterly 257.03 feet along a 500.00 foot radius curve to the right, the chord of which bears S74°55'24"E 254.21 feet; thence Southeasterly 164.12 feet along a

500.00 foot radius curve to the left, the chord of which bears S69°36'00"E 163.38 feet; thence S79°00'12" 409.22 feet; thence Easterly 197.43 feet; along a 350.00 foot radius curve to the left, the chord of which bears N84°50'13"E 194.82 feet; thence N68°40'38"E 252.79 feet to the Point of Ending.

**Description of 10-foot Maintenance Strips to be released:**

A 10.00 foot wide strip of land the north line of which lies 33.0 feet Southerly of and parallel with the following description: Part of the SE 1/4, Section 17, T5N, R12W, Byron Township, Kent County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the South corner of Section 17; thence N00°21'00"E 2337.20 feet along the West line of said SE 1/4 to the Point of Beginning; thence S89°39'00"E 280.36 feet; thence Southeasterly 257.03 feet along a 500.00 foot radius curve to the right, the chord of which bears S74°55'24"E 254.21 feet; thence Southeasterly 164.12 feet along a 500.00 foot radius curve to the left, the chord of which bears S69°36'00"E 163.38 feet; thence S79°00'12"E 409.22 feet; thence Easterly 197.43 feet along a 350.00 foot radius curve to the left, the chord of which bears N84°50'13"E 194.82 feet; thence N68°40'38"E 252.79 feet to the Point of Ending.

Also a 10.00 foot wide strip of land the south line of which lies 33.0 feet Northerly of and parallel with the following description: Part of the SE 1/4, Section 17, T5N, R12W, Byron Township, Kent County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 17; thence N00°21'00"E 2,337.20 feet along the West line of said SE 1/4 to the Point of Beginning; thence S89°39'00"E 280.36 feet; thence Southeasterly 257.03 feet along a 500.00 foot radius curve to the right, the chord of which bears S74°55'24"E 254.21 feet; thence Southeasterly 164.12 feet along a 500.00 foot radius curve to the left, the chord of which bears S69°36'00"E 163.38 feet; thence S79°00'12"E 409.22 feet; thence Easterly 197.43 feet along a 350.00 foot radius curve to the left, the chord of which bears N84°50'13"E 194.82 feet; thence N68°40'38"E 285.89 feet to the Point of Ending.

Moved by Commissioner Medema, seconded by Commissioner Morgan that the Board **authorizes relinquishing highway and maintenance easements on Conrail Drive within Railside West No. 7**, Section 17, Byron Township, as recommended by staff.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Janes, Medema, Morgan, Morren, and VerHeulen — 5.

Nays: 0.

**Item #14      Final Plat Approval**

Deputy Managing Director Harrall stated that Railside West No. 7 is located south of 76th Street and east of Homerich Avenue, Section 17, Byron Township. The residential street layout includes a permanent cul-de-sac on the west end of Byron Depot Drive, Conrail Drive to Homerich Avenue is incorporated into the plat, and Penn Street is stubbed on the south end for a future phase. This phase includes 35 lots for a plat total of 267 lots. The developer is Koetje-Brower, LLC and the engineer is Exxel Engineering. The developer has provided surety in the form of a letter of credit in the amount of \$380,685.90 to cover remaining work, which includes top course paving and final restoration work.

Moved by Commissioner Morren, seconded by Commissioner Janes that the Board **authorizes final plat approval for Railside West No. 7**, Section 17, Byron Township, as recommended by staff.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Janes, Medema, Morgan, Morren, and VerHeulen — 5.

Nays: 0.

**Item #15      Traffic Signal Installation**

Managing Director Byrne requested authorization to install a traffic signal at the intersection of 68th Street and Whitneyville Avenue.

Traffic and Safety Director Haagsma stated a traffic signal warrant analysis was conducted to determine if the intersection met any signal warrants. Three warrants were met for signal installation.

Moved by Commissioner Morren, seconded by Commissioner Janes that staff is authorized to install a traffic signal at the intersection of **68th Street and Whitneyville Avenue**, as recommended by staff.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Janes, Medema, Morgan, Morren, and VerHeulen — 5.

Nays: 0.

**Item #16     Award of Bids**

Managing Director Byrne requested authorization to award bids received for the following:

- a.     **Contract #24-19:** MacClain Street - Wabasis Avenue to Heintzelman Avenue, Furnish & Haul Class II

Staff recommends awarding Contract #24-19 MacClain Street, Class II to **MarJo Construction Services Inc.**, the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, for a per ton cost of **\$8.82**, and a total cost of **\$107,604**.

- b.     **Contract #24-20:** MacClain Street - Wabasis Avenue to Heintzelman Avenue, Furnish & Haul Granular Materials, 22A Aggregate

Staff recommends awarding Contract #24-20 MacClain Street, 22A Aggregate to **Alpine Contracting**, the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, for a per ton cost of **\$14**, and a total cost of **\$82,600**.

- c.     **Contract #24-21:** MacClain Street - Wabasis Avenue to Heintzelman Avenue, HMA Paving

Staff recommends awarding Contract #24-21 to **Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc.**, the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, for a total cost of **\$375,553.95**, which is **21.54% above** the estimated cost.

- d.     **Contract #24-25:** Grand Rapids Township Local Roads Program

Staff recommends awarding Contract #24-25 to **Black Gold Transport, Inc.**, the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, for a total cost of **\$629,953.30**, which is **18.37% above** the estimated cost.

- e. **Contract #24-26:** Trucking of Various Materials  
2024 requirements for trucking of asphalt, sand, gravel, and snow, as needed

Staff recommends awarding Contract #24-26: Trucking of Various Materials to **“All Bidders”**, contracting in the best interest of the Kent County Road Commission.

The contractor, selected at the time of demand, will be based on their hourly rate, the project’s location, and the availability of the type of equipment needed.

- f. **Contract #24-27:** Lowell Township Local Roads Program

Staff recommends awarding Contract #24-27 to **Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc.**, the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, for a total cost of **\$566,238.55**, which is **13.81% above** the estimated cost.

- g. **Contract #24-28:** Leffingwell Avenue - Leonard Street to Knapp Street

Staff recommends awarding Contract #24-28 to **Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc.**, the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, for a total cost of **\$697,705.90**, which is **9.59% above** the estimated cost.

The contract is 50% funded by the City of Grand Rapids and is pending their approval prior to commencement.

- h. **Contract #24-30:** Alpine Township Local Roads Program

Staff recommends awarding Contract #24-30 to **Michigan Paving & Materials, Co.**, the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, for a total cost of **\$434,222.55**, which is **29.77% above** the estimated cost.

- i. **Contract #24-31:** Pavement Marking Services

Staff recommends awarding Contract #24-31 to **M & M Pavement Marking, Inc.**, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, for a total estimated cost of **\$944,975**. The quantities may vary from the bid, but the per unit bid cost shall remain firm.

- j. **Bid #24-ENG-03:** Plainfield #16, Furnish and Deliver Precast Concrete Box Beams  
Furnish and haul 13 beams for replacement of the existing beams  
Staff recommends awarding Bid #24-ENG-03 to **Peninsula Prestress Co**, the

lowest responsive and responsible bidder, at a total cost of **\$204,578.89**.

- k. **Bid #24-MNT-05:** Various Road Materials - Gravel, Stone, Sand, and Crushed Concrete

Staff recommends awarding Bid #24-MNT-05: Various Road Materials to **“ALL BIDDERS”**, whose product, when tested, meets or exceeds the technical composition requirements.

At the time of demand, the source(s) selected will be based on cost of material (inclusive of our labor and equipment costs), quality of the material, and the availability and immediate need of the material.

Moved by Commissioner Morren, seconded by Commissioner Janes to **authorize award of bids for the above listed**, as recommended by staff.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Janes, Medema, Morgan, Morren, and VerHeulen — 5.

Nays: 0.

**Item #16      Comments**

➤ The Board had previously authorized staff to pursue and purchase a pre-owned semi-tractor to haul the brine trailer. Staff informed the Board of the purchase, a pre-owned semi-tractor from Ryder Exchange, LLC, for a total cost of \$32,605.

➤ Managing Director Byrne presented a news article regarding Governor Whitmer’s FY 2025 budget. There is not a large increase in funding for roads. Marijuana sales have increased this year, therefore, 3% of the overall MTF revenue is from marijuana tax.

➤ Dr. Patricia Hendren will be one of the speakers at the CRA conference next month. She is a national spokesperson, and her topic will be Is Mileage Based User Fee

(MBUF) the path to road funding stability? The session is from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. The legislative reception will follow from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

- KCRC received a thank you note from LaDonne Douma. It stated:

Just a quick note to say thank you to the Kent County Road plow/salt trucks, crews, scheduling and dispatch. I live on Eastern Avenue, just past 92<sup>nd</sup> Street at the bottom of the big hill. At 2 a.m. I drive 15 miles northeast of the airport to go to work. Those bid green trucks are out there making it possible – MY HEROS!!! Thank you so much!!

P.S. A special thank you to the driver who saw me shoveling out my fire hydrant one Sunday afternoon and drove past carefully.

- Chair VerHeulen stated that Congresswoman Scholten was scheduled to take a tour of KCRC, however, she had to cancel. The tour will be rescheduled.

- Commissioner Medema commented on Governor Whitmer and the legislature and their lack of raising taxes for roads. There is an increase for everything else. The budget shows everything is status quo, which they aren't. Chair VerHeulen agreed and stated that at this time, the roads are not a priority in Lansing.

Chair VerHeulen stated there is no further business to come before the Board.

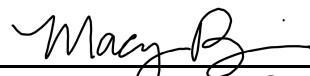
Moved by Commissioner Morren, seconded by Commissioner Janes to adjourn the Board meeting 8:56 a.m.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Janes, Medema, Morgan, Morren, and VerHeulen — 5.

Nays: 0.

Respectfully submitted,



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Macy Barcheski, Secretary