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**ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING
OAKLAND COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION**

April 6, 2009

MINUTES

Supervisor Kalcec called the special meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees to order at 10:08 a.m. at the Rose Township Hall, 204 Franklin Street, Holly, Michigan and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Kalcec, Miller, Slaughter, Gordon, Scheib-Snider
Absent: None

Residents and Road Commission for Oakland County

Christopher Baum - Resident	David Evancoe -	RCOC
Brent Bair - RCOC	Dennis Kolar -	RCOC
Richard Skarritt - RCOC	Mathew Gaberty -	RCOC
Issy Acre - RCOC		

Strategic planning meeting to discuss proposed solutions to significant road needs, improvements, joint program updates

The meeting consisted of the community focus, director's update, county highway engineer's update, and evaluation of RCOC services.

Kalcec: Guardrails complete. Drop in fatal accidents in past year.

Slaughter: Most are drainage problems. Several complaints on Holly Shores off Cogshall. These are county roads with flooding and drainage issues.

Kalcec: If we get the drainage issues addressed, it would solve many of the other problems. Dedicating her Friday mornings driving the gravel roads in township. Many problems are due to lack of drainage.

Slaughter: The roads in Holly Shores, are paved but South Port and Holly Shores Drive is in bad shape.

Chris Baum: Edge of road is now below everyone's driveway in his area. His driveway is a low point and he has complaint on water in his driveway.

Kalcec: Drainage issues are priority. Several culverts have been put in on Hickory Ridge Road so they are working on drainage issues.

Baum: Buckhorn Lake Road at Demode and at Buckhorn Heights loose gravel washed into channel and down the hill. Complaint about 1"- 2" bump in driveway and had water before but is worse now and aware of low spot.

Slaughter: If you are on hill, the water is going to drain there. You need the lip on your driveway so the water will keep draining downhill.

Kalcec: Has been happening all over the township. Revenue is flat, costs are increasing, and there is less money this year than years ago. If there is enough money, we will do drainage improvements.

Bair: MTF Revenues – State collected gas and diesel tax, license plate registration fees

have been pretty flat and less money this year than ten years ago. People are driving less and have left the state. Consuming less gas, not buying cars so registration fees are down. FY 07 556 full time employees, only 8 more than in 1974. This is affecting the staffing level. FY09 down 59 positions from FY 07. Privatizing concrete repair, pavement marking, mowing, but have not had to lay anyone off and has all been through attrition in the last 18 months. OCRC has roughly 25 truck drivers that plowed snow and ice and are part of the 59 that are no longer there. Current staff consists of 300 hourly, 200 salaried employees. Brent Bair, member of the Citizens Advisory Committee met in Washington, DC with Transportation Funding Task Force to discuss the stimulus package to ensure we are getting our share for roads and how we are going to fund transportation. Michigan has the 6th largest local road system and is the 3rd largest county road system in the U.S. Nationwide 20% of the roads are state highways. In Michigan, 8% are state highways and the rest are local roads. Oakland County is the second largest system in the state. Infrastructure projects stimulus package roads got less than 5% of total. Legislation to be passed by June for funding for additional revenue. TF2 - Transportation Funding Task Force looking at reforms and efficiencies. Several web addresses to view TF2 reports.

Fast Track Adaptive Signals, financed with special federal funds that could not be used to grade gravel roads, could only be used for technology for the better movement of traffic and safety.

Dennis Kolar – Discussed various Oakland County 3R projects. Resurface, Rehabilitation, and Restoration.

Bair: Reviewed services survey.

Kalcec: Oakland County Citizens Services have been a great group to work with, whether via email or by telephone, they are very cooperative.

Bair: 25 mph signs will be coming down. Bills did not pass in Lansing to grandfather the 25 mph speed limit. Oakland County does not set the speed limit, only State Police can set the speed limit.

Miller: Concerned with the removal of speed limit signs and equestrian activities and accidents now the speed is 55. Discussion continued on the speed limit. State Police requires more dense development for 25 mph. For gravel roads, it is conditions permitting, 55 max.

Slaughter: Narrow Gravel roads with limited sight. Basically a one-lane road.

Richard Skarritt: Nancy Cassis could not get support on legislature to get the 25 mph passed.

Miller: This should be a local decision, not the state.

Discussion of the road operations strategy survey results for Rose Township.

The township could use Tri-Party funds for ditching.

Acre: Entered over 26,000 reports last year and received over 38,000 phone calls. 2005 ice and snow calls. Majority were gravel roads.

Kalcec: Encouraging residents to use RCOC website.

The April 6, 2009 Special Meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Debbie Miller
Rose Township Clerk

