

all policies and guidelines of the Benzie County Road Commission be updated with the new contact information without the need for Board approval for each occurrence. Motion by Commissioner Rosa and supported by Commissioner Mick to make necessary contact information changes to all BCRC Policies and Guidelines. Ayes: Rosa, Bowers and Mick. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence/Information/Discussion:

Cliff Grostick Re: Brownell Road Paving – Cliff Grostick voiced his concerns about the state of Brownell Road and the amount of money the Road Commission has spent maintaining it in recent years, continually tarring and chipping it. Manager Skeels reported that NRCS is replacing the Weldon Road culvert this year and he would like them to also replace the one at Pioneer Road, and the CR-669 one on Carter Creek as well. Putting a few more culverts in the area would drain away the water runoff from the hill so it stops eroding the area around the road. Cliff asked for contact information so he could contact the organization too. Commissioner Rosa suggested that if we could get their help with installing drainage culverts in the next year or so, then we could hold off for the short term, but if it is going to take three or more years, we should look into addressing the problem sooner rather than later. Don Louisignau inquired whether there has been any drilling in the area to determine the amount of clay in the soil. Mr. Grostick was told that in the mean time he must get the Township involved, as the local portion of the millage funding is directed by the townships.

For Profit vs. Non-Profit Permit Fees – A suggestion was made by Manager Skeels that we look into setting a separate fee schedule for For-Profit versus Non-Profit Fees for Permits for activities involving the roads. Gary Sauer pointed out that some organizations charge an entry fee, regardless of their profit status, and suggested that that might also be a factor to take into consideration when setting the fees.

Lakeview Drive/Joe Binkowski – Manager Skeels explained that Mr. Binkowski approached the Road Commission inquiring about upgrading the “paper street” that runs along the lakeshore to a Seasonal Road so he can claim access from the lake side of his L-shaped property. The township is requiring that he use the house front setback from Lakeview Drive, thus rendering most of his land useless to build upon.

Public Input: None.

Board Round Table: Manager Skeels met with representatives from the Point Betsie Lighthouse project. They are almost finished with the road plans. They believe they will have their funds in order this year. Manager Skeels sent them to the Local Road Committee to ask for millage money. They are proposing permeable pavers for the road, if the Board will allow it. They don’t have any property to pipe the road water to, and this would take care of the issue on-site. Commissioner Bowers suggested that they might consider using stained permeable pavement with bricks stamped into it and avoid much of the upkeep associated with individual brick pavers.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Robert Rosa, Chairman

Jennifer Kolinske, Clerk

Patricia Cote, Deputy Clerk