Lake Eunice Township

Treasurer: Ann Hixson Supervisors: Ed Clem, Gerald Johnson Chairman: Jason Rosing Wayne Jacobson, Al Bergquist

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The Lake Eunice Township board held a special meeting at the town hall on June 24th, 2021 at 7:00 pm.  Present were Jason Rosing, Ed Clem and Wayne Jacobson. Al Bergquist and Jerry Johnson were absent. Present was John Pratt from Apex Engineering.

Mr. Pratt presented the findings of the feasibility study and surface improvements in regards to Buckhorn Road. The board reviewed the feasibility study. According to the feasibility study, there are 24 total parcels, two of those parcels are owned by the DNR and one by Hooligans. Discussion in regards to the DNR parcels, as we can attempt to assess them for improvements. The DNR can voluntarily determine if they are willing to pay for the special assessment. Since they did award the SPRA grant, it can be assumed they will not voluntarily commit to the special assessment. The board determined the DNR can be notified of the public hearing but we can assume they will not be included. The board indicated Hooligans should be notified of the special assessment process and they should be included. Heather Anderson, clerk, will post, publish and notify each resident of the next public meeting which will be July 13th, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the townhall.

The board discussed the feasibility study and the cost estimates. Questioned was the required depth of the bituminous pavement. Becker County had suggested a 3.5 inch. Due to cost considerations, the board would like an estimate with a 2.5-inch pavement. Mr. Pratt will make those considerations and submit to the board.

The board discussed the analysis of the costs per parcel. Jason Rosing suggested a taxable market value distribution study on the road. The township has used that in the past. Mr. Pratt indicated he will make those adjustments and submit to the board.

The board also discussed the schedule of this project. Due to scheduling, weather and other considerations, this road may not be completed this year. Mr. Pratt indicated that the board can do the project next year. He confirmed that we can continue this process and but awarded contract has to be completed within one year of acceptance.

Gary Meilke, a Lake Eunice resident, was present and had some questions about the feasibility study. Discussed was the budget and the cost analysis provided. Mr. Meilke questioned the increase in cost from initial conversations. The board and Mr. Pratt indicated the increase cost of construction along with the length of time from the initial estimate as an indicator. Les Backer, a resident of Buckhorn Road was also present to listen to the discussion.

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:49 pm by Wayne Jacobson and seconded by Ed Clem.

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