

*MICHIGAN AFSCME COUNCIL 25
STATEWIDE ROAD WORKERS
COORDINATING CONFERENCE*

Delegates to the 2006 Road Workers Coordinating Conference registered early and had a hospitality gathering Friday evening, May 5 at the Quality Inn in West Branch.

Saturday morning, at 9 AM, Chairperson Elmer Trombley of Local 101 called the meeting to order. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Dennis Martin, of Local 1862, led us with a prayer.

A motion was made and supported to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

A motion was made and supported to approve the minutes of last years meeting. Motion carried.

Chairperson Trombley said President Garrett apologized for not being able to attend as scheduled.

Ronnie Peterson, on behalf of Council 25 and the International, spoke of the PEOPLE program. He also touched on other matters including, the upcoming Governor election, revenue sharing, absentee ballots, and how AFSCME chooses to support candidates.

After a 15 minute break, State Representative Joel Sheltroun shared some of his thoughts with us. He serves on the veterans committee and the conservation of forestry. He has always been a supporter of good paying jobs. Mr. Sheltroun discussed ethanol fuel options, how Act 51 affects northern countries, and he believes Road Commissions should be elected rather than appointed. Chairperson Trombley gave him an AFSCME report about depleted uranium affecting veterans.

Election of Officers – Tom Roof, Clinton County Local 1071, was elected Recording Secretary by acclamation.

Tony Newman, Shiawassee County, Local 1071, was elected Vice-Chairman by acclamation.

Derrick Quinney, the AFL-CID Safety and Health Director, was unable to attend so Richard Johnson gave a brief presentation on Truck safety.

Unfinished Business – Jeremy Schlak and Cheryl Fransworth were the 50/50 raffle winners.

John Michalec informed us that Dennis Houlihan from the International will be at the Mt. Pleasant office Thursday, June 22 at 6 PM to explain Act 51, and to explain how to read and understand a budget.

Old Business – none.

New Business – next years meeting to be held May 4th and 5th at one of the following locations; Mt. Pleasant, West Branch, Houghton Lake, Grayling, Mackinaw City, or St. Ignace.

Our last speaker was Nick Ciaramitaro. He stated that the transportation budget is not too controversial this year, with the most debate being the fund split between Public transit and Roads. Also, how will roads be funded in the future as more hybrid cars are being introduced?

Thanks to Richard Johnson for his time and talent in organizing this conference and to Phil Helms, John Michalec, and Ronnie Peterson for attending.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Respectively submitted

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Thomas F. Roof
Recording Secretary
Road Workers Coordinating Committee