

# Johnson's Island Road Commission

Minutes of Quarterly Meeting

Saturday, February 14, 2009

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dave Klugman. Tom Kowalski, Jim Ericson, Rick Schulz, John Lehlbach, and Glenn Beachy are also present. Lou Cardinale is absent.

## Regular Business:

1. Dave presented a review of the long term agenda of the JIRC. This included administrative organization, causeway and bridge evaluation, access and security issues, island road reconstruction issues, road condition assessment, and good road maintenance. This agenda guides our planning for future work.
2. Dave also pointed out that the poor attendance at today's meeting by residents (one spouse, and one other attendee) may at least partially relate to the mandatory date of the meeting, which is set by the Operating Agreement as the second Saturday of February. Today, this includes Valentines Day and the President's Day weekend. We may want to seek flexibility related to certain such requirements. No further action was taken at this time.
3. John discussed the "good roads" program:
  - Michael Benza and Associates, Inc (Benza) have been contracted to perform an evaluation of all island roads, including the causeway and Gaydos Drive. This evaluation will include grading the condition of road segments, preparation of an inventory and condition summary, and development of a recommended long term roadway upgrade program.
  - Completion is expected on or about April 30, 2009, weather permitting.
  - The lump sum fee for this evaluation is \$6,500, plus certain expenses defined in the proposal.
  - The Commission expects to use this data to assist in developing a plan that balances road maintenance with road reconstruction given fiscal constraints and the best interests of island residents. This plan will be presented at the spring meeting.
4. Glenn presented a report on planned work on the causeway bridges. This includes railing repairs, concrete repairs, rock channel repairs around abutments as necessary, and battery replacement for the navigation light system. Bids will be solicited, and the plan will be finalized, by the spring meeting.
5. Tom reported gate revenue of \$757.30 through 2/11/2009. This is slightly ahead of last year.

6. Tom presented “To Do” lists for both “Island Road” and “Gate and Causeway” budget categories. This will serve as a useful basis for planning work for the balance of the year.
7. We discussed island and causeway road signs. In general, signs are not of uniform size, height, or type, and may not reflect current conditions. Signs and road markings at the gate are not consistent with desired traffic patterns. Lou has previously agreed to lead an effort to upgrade our signage, and recommendations are expected by the spring meeting.
8. Jim presented the treasurers report:
  - A letter has been received from Laskey CPA stating that he has reviewed the books and transactions for 2008, and that no problems or issues were found.
  - The 2009 budget plan was presented. The road fund will receive revenue of approximately \$67,500. After the repayment of a loan from the causeway reserve fund, and ongoing expenses and routine maintenance, approximately \$38,000 will be available for discretionary spending on road upgrades or improvements, or saving for major road work in 2010.
  - The causeway fund has anticipated revenue from gate revenue of \$18,000. After ongoing expenses and routine maintenance, approximately \$10,400 will be available for upgrades, or to be added to the causeway reserve fund. See the causeway report presented above.
9. John discussed the spraying of causeway vegetation in 2009. There is some question of the effectiveness of spraying done last year. Erie Mowers, who also mow causeway vegetation, apparently believe it is beneficial. The sense of the Commission is that we should try spraying one more year, and then determine effectiveness. However, John will further discuss with Erie Mowers.

There being no other business, it was moved and accepted to end the meeting. All agreed.

Respectfully,  
Glenn Beachy  
Secretary, JIRC