

**DeWITT COUNTY
ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE OF MEETING: July 14, 2021

PLACE OF MEETING: DeWitt County Highway Department
9900 Revere Rd, Clinton, IL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Travis Houser - Committee Chairman, Jay Wickenhauser, Nate Ennis, Jamie Prestegaard, Melonie Tilley

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Mathon – County Engineer, Megan Meyers

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:

Chairman Houser called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Motion by Tilley, seconded by Ennis, to approve minutes of June 16, 2021 Road & Bridge Meeting. Unanimous.

Motion by Wickenhauser, seconded by Prestegaard, to approve payment of bills. Unanimous.

Mathon requested committee approval to fill a Highway Maintainer position. The employee hired in February unexpectedly resigned his position. He had found another job with higher pay and consistent overtime. Mathon indicated that there is currently a well qualified candidate that will be able to start soon after approval to hire is given. Mathon also shared with the committee the other vacancy had been filled with the new employee starting last Monday. Motion by Ennis, seconded by Prestegaard, to approve refilling the vacant Highway Maintainer position. Unanimous.

Mathon updated the committee on several topics.

- Weekly conference calls for updates and discussion of wind farm road construction are continuing. Road edges are continuing to be addressed by the contractor, with any specific areas of concern being communicated to the contractor for priority.
- Cement stabilization work on public roads is complete, with aggregate capping expected to be complete in another 4 to 5 working days. One box culvert and one liner remain to be installed. Guardrail at two culvert locations on County Highway 17 will be replaced next week, and the temporary patch ‘bump’ just north of IL 10 will be addressed with the overlay of that road.
- Notices of Violations are continuing to be sent, with nearly all cases being deliveries to the project and not dedicated construction traffic straying off of approved roads. The violations are split between deliveries using township road shortcuts and deliveries turning the wrong way off of IL 10 away from the laydown yard. Mathon indicated he was scheduling a call with the County’s attorney for the Road Use Agreement for a discussion on how to address

the violations once there are notices given for violation on 5 separate calendar days.

Motion by Tilley, seconded by Wickenhauser , to adjourn at 5:50 p.m.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNTY BOARD:

None.

Chairman
