

Johnson's Island Road Commission

Minutes of Meeting

Saturday, February 10, 2024, 9 AM

Meeting was held in the Danbury Township Hall

JIRC Website: thejiroad.com

Attendance:	Mike Kelty	Present
	Glenn Beachy	Present
	Dave Reed	Present
	Bob Cailor	Absent
	Rick Schulz	Absent
	Karen Metzker	Present

Also in attendance: There were no visitors present.

With 4 of 6 members present, there was no quorum.

The meeting was called to order by Mike Kelty

Dave Reed was introduced as the new BHOA representative to JIRC. Dave replaces Joe Gouker, who resigned after our November meeting. Joe has made significant contributions during his lengthy tenure as an RC member. The RC thanks Joe for his steadfast support, and Dave for volunteering to serve his fellow Islanders as a JIRC member.

We discussed the wrap-up of causeway work in 2023, and the distribution of \$490,020.84 in excess project funds to the two Property Owners Associations. There were 294 property owners who paid into the project fund. \$1,666.74 was then paid to each property owner by the HOAs.

A total of approximately \$110,000 was carried into 2024 to complete project work. This includes bridge approach work, pavement repairs, rock removal, and other miscellaneous costs.

This work will be performed when the weather improves in the Spring.

We discussed other work to be performed in 2024. This is a year when we plan to perform a major road project, as part of our major/ minor project rotation.. However, there are uncertainties as to when the water project will go forward, and what the work plan will be for the various parts of the island. We cannot plan specific projects at this time in many areas.

We discussed the possibility of doing work to drain the road at the south end of the causeway. The road elevation drops several feet in this area, with a gradual rise to the intersection of Memorial and Confederate. Higher elevations to each side of the road result in water being trapped on the road. We have believed that it would be necessary to run a drain line to the lake to resolve this issue.

However, Karen said that her husband, Rich Metzker, has a survey drawing of an existing drain line just east of the road. It runs from the 4- way- stop intersection to the lake just east of the causeway. (Immediately after this meeting, she emailed us a copy of this drawing.) The drain line was installed by the property owner.

We will need to review and discuss with the property owner to determine if we can tie into this line.

The property owner at the south- east corner of Memorial and Confederate has raised a concern about truck traffic over- running onto his lot when turning East off the causeway. He believes an over-hanging tree is the cause. The road commission generally does not trim trees, as that is the responsibility of the landowners. Our suggestion is for the two property owners to try to resolve this issue between them.

Pot- hole repair and crack sealing will be planned for the Spring, as usual.

Karen Metzker has agreed to take the lead in investigating changing JIRC from a LLC to a 501 (c) (3) corporation. From prior analysis, designating JIRC as a not-for-profit, charitable organization may increase the probability to obtain government and charitable foundation funding. Karen has prior experience in this endeavor. If other Islanders, with relevant experience, would like to join in this effort, please contact Karen.

The gate arm was removed in mid-January due to the very windy conditions being experienced. High winds cause the break- away bracket to release, creating the risk the arm could hit a passing car. We expect to be able to return it to service soon.

There being no further business, Mike moved to end the meeting. All agreed.

Respectfully,
Glenn Beachy
Secretary, JIRC