

# Johnson's Island Road Commission

Minutes of Quarterly Meeting

Johnson Island Clubhouse

Saturday, May 9, 2015

Attendance:	Dave Klugman	<i>Absent</i>
	Mike Kelty	<i>Absent</i>
	Glenn Beachy	Present
	Lou Cardinale	Present
	Jim Erickson	Present
	Kevin Kirkpatrick	Present
	Rick Schulz	<i>Absent</i>

Residents in Attendance:

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The meeting was called to order by the acting president, Lou Cardinale.

With three JIRC members absent from this meeting, there was no Quorum, which requires six members. Therefore, no votes were taken.

Regular Business:

1. Jim reviewed the status of our recently completed work, and the work we plan to complete in 2015.

In 2014, we spent \$184,000 on the causeway. This included removing the asphalt from all 5 bridges, inspecting the bridge beams, performing one minor repair on the beams, sealing the beams with an impervious membrane, repairing road base in approximately 20 locations, then repaving the entire causeway. This represented two years of funds, as we did not do major road work in 2013. It also was work performed meeting our Number One priority, per our charter, which is to maintain the causeway and bridges.

Over the next two weeks, repairs to the rip-rap around the bridge abutments will be performed. This is necessary to prevent undermining of the abutment foundations. This work is estimated to cost \$33,200, based on the placement of 600 tons of stone. All work will be performed from barges, sparing the causeway and bridges the wear of work being staged from the road, plus avoiding traffic disruption. This work is scheduled to be completed by Memorial Day weekend.

Spring repairs were completed within the last week on potholes and damaged road surfaces. A road cut was also paved, with this cost to be reimbursed by JIIG.

We are planning for the installation of one or two lake drains if we are successful in obtaining Drainage Agreements in the necessary areas. This will allow us to plan a major road project for 2016. As we have stated in the past, no road upgrade work will be performed in areas with inadequate drainage. The worst condition road segments on the island have standing water after even moderate rainfall, and this weakens the base, resulting in road surface breakup.

Other smaller projects planned to be performed in 2015 includes a gate beautification project, being led by a group of island residents, and replacement or repair of navigation lights on the high bridge. This is in addition to the numerous maintenance and administrative tasks performed every year.

Jim further noted that our recent policy of performing a major project every two years gives us substantially more “Bang for the Buck” than spending equal dollars on smaller projects every year. Larger projects attract the interest of larger contractors, and mobilization costs are paid once, not twice.

Jim also noted that all project expenditures have been approved by unanimous votes of the attending JIRC members, with a minimum of six votes necessary to approve any expenditure. We work with consultants, obtain proposals, and debate options, sometimes at great length. When decisions are made, however, we are all in agreement.

2. Lou provided the gate report. A total of \$1,905 has been collected through May 2. This is consistent with previous years to date.

Kevin provided an update on a drainage agreement he has been discussing with a property owner in one of the critical areas. He is optimistic that we will be able to conclude this agreement in the near future.

3. The mowing contract was discussed. Mowing has been completed once, and will be done again just before Memorial Day.
4. Pothole repair work was discussed for later this spring. Rick will talk to M&B to obtain a proposal for this work.
5. Lou discussed the gate Beautification project. He has received a sketch from the volunteer island group planning to perform this work. It would include visual blocking of the yellow beams, plantings, a new sign, and a general cleanup. Lacking a quorum, no further discussions took place. We have previously agreed in general to reimburse costs in the range of \$3,000 to \$5,000, subject to approval of a final plan.
6. Jim presented the treasurers report. Total funds in JIRC accounts total approximately \$214,000. \$71,000 is in the causeway sinking fund, which is comprised of funds set aside for major repair or replacement of causeway bridges. \$81,000 is in the “good roads” fund, which is being accumulated for eventual repairs or replacement of the roads presently in better condition. The balance is for current expenditures, and funds being held until 2016 for a major “poor road” upgrade project. The full treasurer’s report is available on the JIRC website.
7. Jim reported that initial 2015 payments have been received in full from both JIPOA and BHOA.

There being no other business, Lou Cardinale moved to end the meeting. All agreed.

Respectfully,  
Glenn Beachy  
Secretary, JIRC