

Johnson's Island Road Commission

Minutes of Regular Call- In Meeting
Saturday, February 13, 2021. 9 AM

Attendance:	Dave Klugman	Present by Telephone
	Mike Kelty	Present by Telephone
	Glenn Beachy	Present by Telephone
	Sig Nachman	Present by Telephone
	Joe Gouker	Present by Telephone
	Bob Cailor	Present by Telephone
	Rick Schulz	Present by Telephone

The meeting was called to order by the president, Dave Klugman.

Rick opened the meeting by discussing the agreement with Richland Engineering to evaluate the causeway and recommend repairs. They will also prepare contract drawings for performance of the upgrade work, and monitor construction. They have begun permitting work. Joe, Sig, Bob, and Glenn will be available on the island if they need a contact.

Dave proposed that we work with the HOAs on a process to determine property ownership with respect to the residential units used to determine who pays a road fee. There have been cases where several parties resided on separate parcels that have common ownership.

Mike seconded the proposal; It was approved 7-0

Rick reported that we have received from the HOAs the funds from the Special Assessment. Approximately \$77,000 was received. We now have \$108,000 in savings and \$10,000 in checking.

Deposits for road cuts: Our policy is to ask for a bond of \$5,000 from the owner before allowing a road cut. This bond is to be held to insure that settlement and repair surface issues do not arise. The existing policy says return is at "our discretion". Our practice has been to hold it for 1 year, which has caused some people to question the practice. There are now 3 road bonds in place.

A revised and updated "Policy regarding deposits from homeowners working in the road right-of-way" was presented. It clarifies that funds will be held for 1 year, and updates several other points.

Dave proposed that we approve this policy. Mike seconded. Approved 6-0, Joe abstaining.

Bob discussed plans for a code change on the gate. The plan is to get rid of all old codes that may still be in the gate memory. The codes will then be changed 2 times a year, April 1 and November 1.

A permanent sign will be placed near the gate that states the code change dates. Dave proposed a total of 3 signs, locations to be determined. The Various island newsletters, and HOA communications, will be used to inform residents of the actual new code.

Bob proposed this plan, Dave seconded. It was approved 7-0

Bob has sent the mowing contract out for bids. It should be available for approval next meeting.

Joe will shoot elevations at both ends of the causeway where water ponds alongside/ on the road.

The northern ponding was caused when the property immediately west of the gate house was filled and raised in elevation by 1 to 2 ft. This cut off the natural surface drainage swale which carried road runoff to the lake. Water now ponds north of the landscaped area, flows onto the road, and floods into the gatehouse. Water is retained in this area for days, until it evaporates. The adjacent property owner has been non-responsive in resolving such issues to date.

A similar thing happens just south of the causeway, along the west side of the road. The sewage pumping station, and a landscaping berm, cut off natural flow to the lake. The adjacent property owner has agreed to work with us to resolve this problem.

We will use the elevation data to devise drainage plans for each area.

There was a brief discussion of progress (or lack thereof) on obtaining drainage rights in the “bad road” area of Memorial. Mike is heading up this effort.

Mike also reported on progress with the Cinceolla case. JIPOA won the case in Ottawa County courts, but that is being appealed. A ruling is due soon. He is optimistic that the ruling will clarify- or establish- JIPOAs ability to collect road fees from a group of 12 to 14 property owners who have refused to pay. This has not yet affected our road funding, as JIPOA covers the missing fees. But this is a situation that cannot continue indefinitely.

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

Respectfully,
Glenn Beachy
Secretary, JIRC