

Johnson's Island Road Commission

Minutes of Special Call- In Meeting

Friday, April 1, 2022 6 PM

JIRC Website: thejiroad.com

Attendance:	Dave Klugman	Present
	Mike Kelty	Present
	Glenn Beachy	Present
	Sig Nachman	Present
	Joe Gouker	Present
	Bob Cailor	<i>Absent</i>
	Rick Schulz	Present

With 6 members on the call, a quorum was present.

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

There were 3 topics of discussion:

First, Mike provided an update on the efforts of JIIG to convey road ownership on Johnsons Island to another entity.

The Johnsons Island Investment Group was established approximately 14 years ago by a group of island residents solely for the purpose of buying the assets of the bankrupt developer of the Baycliff subdivision. The intent was to keep these properties out of the hands of developers who may not have had the best interests of the Island in mind. Since then, they have successfully sold buildable lots, transferred "center of island" properties to conservatorships, transferred other properties to island HOAs, and otherwise reduced their land holdings. At this point, the only significant properties they have been unable to sell or transfer are the causeway, bridges, and island roads.

Continued JIIG ownership of island roads is not a viable long term condition, as JIIG will eventually cease to exist as investors depart. JIIG has explored the following options:

- The Village of Marblehead has refused to take ownership of the roads.
- Ottawa County has also refused to take ownership.
- There are no 501.c.3 entities that would be in a position to take ownership of the roads.
- Friends & Descendants, the group conducting archeological digs on the island, initially expressed interest, but no acceptable agreement was possible.
- Island HOAs do not individually or collectively represent all island residents.
- The only remaining option that has been identified- and a group that now serves all island residents equally- is the Johnson Island Road Commission.

Therefore, JIIG has explored legal issues that would be related to such an ownership transfer. They plan to work with the two HOAs and the unaffiliated owners to address questions or concerns. Procedural issues must be defined and resolved. JIIG is asking the Road Commission to consider this course of action.

No formal motions were presented, so no votes were taken. Numerous details need to be worked out. However, the 6 JIRC members present on the call were unanimous in expressing their willingness to participate in these discussions.

Rick had to leave the call at this point. A quorum was no longer present.

Second, Joe provided an update of progress on the Burke Drain project:

- The repairs to bring the electrical service to the Burke Property up to code have been completed.
- Rick has arranged for FE to move the private pole which is now in the intended drain path.
- Location of the new pole and tree removal are being discussed with the owner.
- We anticipate being able to bid the drain installation work in a few weeks.

Third, Progress of the Richland Engineering Design work on the causeway upgrades was discussed. We have not heard anything from them since our last meeting on February 25.

It is the opinion of Road Commission members that the last design presented by Richland, while a reduction in volume and cost from the original design, is still in excess of what should be required to stabilize causeway side slopes. Glenn will contact Pat Schwan on Monday to discuss progress on this issue.

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

Respectfully,
Glenn Beachy
Secretary, JIRC