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WEXFORD COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

OUR MISSION IS TO IMPROVE AND MAINTAIN A SAFE AND EFFICIENT ROAD SYSTEM

Regular Meeting

June 24, 2026

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Harry Hagstrom at 7:30 a.m.

Roll Call: Present – Hagstrom, Falan, Leggett, Jurik, Adams

Also Present:
Engineer/Manager: Karl Hanson
Superintendent: Tim Schonert
Asst. Superintendent: Brad Harris
Finance and Business Manager: Annie Strom
Engineer Tech: Brad Dahlstrom

Visitor(s): Brian Potter, Thomas Male, Thomas Malvitz

Pledge of Allegiance

A motion was made by Commissioner Jurik and seconded by Commissioner Adams to approve May 27, 2026, meeting minutes as presented. Roll call on the motion: Motion unanimously approved.

Addition to the Agenda: Bonus and time off

Public Comment: Mr. Male stated he is a resident near E. 26 Rd and he believes the road commission does a good job taking care of the roads and has heard that townships give the road commission money to brine gravel roads. He stated that his road is very dusty and he has allergy issues due to dust mites and was curious if the road commission would consider rotating the brine schedule each year, so the same residents are not always last to get brine.
Mr. Malvitz stated he is a resident on S. 25 Rd and had the same complaint as Mr. Male.

County Board Liaison: Mr. Potter commented that County Board Commissioner Nelson is upset that someone is blocking DNR trails and other forestry roads and County Board Commissioner Theobald inquired about whether seasonal roads are still closed and how to go about Adopting a Road. Mr. Hanson stated, yes, seasonal roads are still closed for legality reasons until the Road Commission can fully assess the damage from the storms.

Previous Business: none

New Business:
A motion was made by Commissioner Jurik and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to vote Tony Casali and John Rogers to the MCRCSIP Board as Northern Representatives. Roll call on the motion: Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Falan to vote for Brett Laughlin to the MCRCSIP Board as an At-Large Representative. Roll call on the motion: Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Falan and seconded by Commissioner Jurik to vote for Tom Doty, Beth Hunt, and Laurita Humphrey to the CRASIF Board. Roll call on the motion: Motion unanimously approved.

A discussion was had to set a new date for the Milne Road abandonment. A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Adams to set the date for July 29, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Hanson led a discussion regarding the flooding damage around Lake Mitchell, commenting that East and West Lake Mitchell Drive were the biggest areas with issues and must be processed through the Federal Highway Program for an emergency declaration. He explained how that process works. He informed the board of what temporary fixes have been made and what could be done for a semi-permanent fix until a permanent fix can be completed. He also spoke about the local roads affected by the storm and that process through FEMA, which has been submitted to President Trump for approval. He also spoke about Section 19 through the State of Michigan and what could be covered under this plan if funds become available. The Lake Mitchell Property Owners Association asked Mr. Hanson if he would provide an update for their next meeting. The Lake Mitchell Sewer Authority will be providing Mr. Hanson with a map of what work they have completed so we can follow for road repairs. Mr. Leggett inquired about timing of fixing these roads before the construction season ends. Mr. Hanson stated there is some wiggle room to make repairs, however, it will depend on several factors.

A discussion was held regarding providing a bonus and time off to staff to show appreciation for their hard work during the demanding winter and spring season. A motion was made by Commissioner Jurik and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to provide all existing permanent employees with a MERS exempt bonus of $1000.00 and 16 hours of vacation time, to provide seasonal employees Maier and Paddock with a bonus of $1000.00 and to give Mr. Hanson discretionary privileges to provide a portion of the bonus amount for the newly hired permanent employees.

Administrative Reports:
Mr. Harris provided an update on all the work being done by the crew; commenting that they are waiting on a couple of specialty culverts, have completed 10 of the townships for brining, have been working on County mowing and will start State mowing soon. They completed shoulder pulling on gravels in 11 of the townships and have been able to work on some seasonal roads. Also working on drainage improvements, slope fill project, guardrail repair and pit work to prep for screening of sand. He also commented on how crazy traffic has been and is looking forward to getting the crash attenuator.

Mr. Dahlstrom provided an update on the project list; stating Boon Rd is on schedule for the July letting, Chipseal and fog are completed and he is waiting for the paving projects to start. Catch basin cleaning is moving along, with the contractor heading to the Buckley and Mesick area next. He has also been driving the flood damage roads to take inventory on the damage.

Ms. Strom informed the board that two administrative education sessions have been scheduled and recently learned that CRASIF has a learning management system with several videos for onboarding and crew education.

Mr. Hanson explained the brine process, stating that each township receives 2 free brine applications and if they choose, can pay for an early application, giving them 3 applications total. He also commented that brine sourcing has been difficult this year. He provided an update that the shop has been keeping up with equipment needs and that the V-bottom trailers, 75P Excavator and Grader have been added to the fleet. He provided additional information from the FEMA meeting, stating they believe the road commission underestimated the storm damage and believe we have approximately 1.7 million in repairs to be made. He touched on sand production at the Mesick Pit, commenting he has been working with Mr. Harris and Mr. Dahlstrom to educate them on pit management for the future. He informed the board that there will be a zoom meeting with MSP in July for the Ice Storm funding. He informed the board that there was another one-time event of sign stealing. He also commented that work zone safety improvement is a priority and is pushing MDOT to change standards or the placement of delineators. Mr. Hanson expressed to the board a thank you for recognizing all the hard work of the staff.

Board Comments:

Mr. Falan stated it is a busy time of year and feels everyone is doing a great job and believes you can't stress safety enough.

Mr. Jurik commented that he appreciates what everyone does and believes the bonus is well deserved.

Mrs. Adams commented Thank you for all the hard work and for going above and beyond.

Mr. Leggett complimented Mr. Dahlstrom on the chipseal work completed.

Mr. Hagstrom stated he has only heard compliments and believes everyone is doing a good job.

Payroll	5/28/2026	$91,101.39
Payroll (MERS Forf.)	5/31/2026	-$2,904.54
Payroll	6/11/2026	$99,695.01
AP	5/28/2026	$798,121.37
AP	Void check	-$1,750.91
AP	6/11/2026	$391,221.57

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

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Harry Hagstrom, Chairman   Annie Strom, Finance & Business Manager