

**MINUTES ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE & INFORMATIONAL MEETING
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026
MASON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

TIME			
MEETING BEGIN	MEETING END		
9:00 A.M.	9:37 AM		
NAME		PRESENT	ABSENT
SCOTT GARLISCH (CHAIRMAN)		X	
DOROTHY KREILING		X	
RON KNOLLENBERG		X	
KEN WALKER (CO. BOARD CHAIRMAN)		X	
ADAM SARNES			X
ELDON GARLISCH		X	
NICK PELOW (COUNTY ENGINEER)		X	
LORI WICKMAN		X	

The purpose of this meeting was to review and approve the claims of the County Highway Department. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved. The following items were discussed:

MAINTENANCE CREW: The Mason County Highway Department’s Maintenance crew continued brush cutting, roadway maintenance, and vehicle maintenance. A current highway maintainer was offered the Working Foreman position starting May 1st, 2026. An offer filling the maintainer spot will be sent to an outside applicant today, February 13th.

MOTOR FUEL TAX FUNDING: Township Motor fuel tax paperwork has been approved at the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). The County’s proposed Motor Fuel Tax estimate was submitted to IDOT where we are currently waiting for approval. Pending IDOT approval, the FY2026 maintenance/material lettings will be held after the Road and Bridge Committee meeting on March 13th.

SALT: The Mason County Highway Department received its final shipment of salt for the FY25-26 Rock Salt Contract Joint Participation Agreement.

BLUE HERON SOLAR: The developer for the Blue Heron Solar project presented a prefinal list of proposed roads utilized during construction of this solar project. The County Engineer is waiting for the final proposal.

SALT CREEK TOWNSHIP BRIDGE: Plans and proposals are all finalized for the proposed bridge replacement in Salt Creek Township. The County is waiting for a response from IDOT regarding environmental clearance at the said location.

APPROVED: _____
Scott Garlisch (Chairperson)

Adam Sarnes

Nicholas D. Peplow

Nicholas Peplow (Co. Engineer)

Dorothy Kreiling

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Ron Knollenberg

Ron Knollenberg

Ken Walker

Ken Walker (Co. Bd. Chair.)