

**MINUTES ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE & INFORMATIONAL MEETING
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2026
MASON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

TIME			
MEETING BEGIN	MEETING END		
9:00 A.M.	9:49 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	
PEARL HARFST		X	
ROGER HARFST		X	
RICHARD CRUM		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. The Highway Department filled the vacant maintainer position. The applicant’s first day will be March 2nd, 2026.

MOTOR FUEL TAX FUNDING: The County and Township Motor fuel tax material letting will take place March 27th, 2026, at the office of the County Engineer, 1164 East Laurel Ave., Havana, IL 62644 at 9:30 AM.

SALT CREEK TOWNSHIP BRIDGE: The Illinois Department of Natural Resources submitted this proposed project’s biological review which allows construction to take place. The bid opening for this bridge replacement will take place March 27th, 2026, at the office of the County Engineer, 1164 East Laurel Ave., Havana, IL 62644 at 9:30 AM.

BLUE HERON SOLAR: The Highway Department, Havana Township, and Sherman Township reviewed the developer’s proposed highway usage for the Blue Heron Solar project. All three entities agreed on the proposed highways pending an executed Road Use Agreement.

SCOTT W. LUCAS MEMORIAL BRIDGE PROJECT: Civil Coatings and Construction is scheduled to begin a bridge painting project on the Scott W. Lucas Memorial Havana Bridge. This project consists of structural repairs and repainting the existing structure. The Illinois Department of Transportation plans to start construction March 16th, 2026 and be completed by September 1st, 2027.

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.)