

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

The biggest obstacle remaining on RUMA is designating what is called a “Responsible Representative.” This is the person we will be working with to determine how any damaged roads will be repaired. The two major requirements for this person are that they have experience with this sort of thing and that they are familiar with ODOT specifications. The first two people nominated by NEXUS did not meet these requirements.

After working with Flexible Pavements of Ohio, we have modified our road planing and paving specifications. The end result of this should be getting the edge of new pavement to line up more closely with the existing pavement. This should eliminate some of the dirt work we have had to do these past few years after paving. Flexible Pavements is an association dedicated to the asphalt industry. They provide technical advice to their members, who are mostly contractors and suppliers. We are one of five County Engineer members. Their services are well worth our annual membership fee.

Yesterday, Jenna and I made a presentation to the County Commissioners from Ottawa, Sandusky, and Wood counties about the current Sugar Creek petition. Since this petition is located in Ottawa and Sandusky counties only, Wood county has been of the opinion that they should not contribute to the cost. I hope we have convinced them otherwise by pointing out a section of the ditch laws they had overlooked. We met with Assistant Prosecutor Mark Mulligan beforehand, who confirmed that our interpretation was correct.

The first bid date of the year is coming up on April 27th. We will be opening bids for improvements to the CR 175/SR 101 intersection and the paving of CR 198 from CR 181 to the Bypass.

All employees had the opportunity to meet with our new Deferred Compensation representative this week. All employees are encouraged to participate in this or a similar savings program. It’s amazing how much money can be accumulated by just setting aside a small amount on a regular basis, but don’t wait until you’re old and grey! Time is needed to let your investment grow. If you missed this opportunity, don’t hesitate

to contact Nina DiPalma directly at 1-800-284-0444, ext. 20062. You’ll appreciate it when retirement time rolls around.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Carlos Baez	April 15 th
Kory Keegan	April 16 th
Nick Collins	April 21 st

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

The excavator has been out grinding brush again since finishing the ditch on CR 33. We worked on some sections of woods along CR 32, CR 11, CR 41, and CR 66. Now the crew is up along CR 65 by White Star Park. Next week we will be getting back into Jackson Township to clean up brush around the bridges there.

Eric finished cleaning the Bonawit Ditch along CR 11 and has now moved the mini over to CR 198 and TR 398. Here the crew replaced a rotten metal pipe with a new PVC pipe and is now cleaning the ditch out to the Bypass. This project has eliminated some standing water that was lying up next to the berm and road.

Tim has pretty much leveled spoils and removed fences and stumps on CR 32 along the quarry. We still need to bring in dirt to finish this project, once we have some dirt available. For now he has moved over to Ballville Township where he is leveling ditch spoils for Ditch Maintenance on the Bartson Group Ditch. He will also be leveling off spoils on Indian Creek next week.

Ditches that were cleaned on CR 141, CR 41, CR 39, and CR 33 were hydro seeded. Also, dirt work on South River Rd was completed and prepped for seed. Today, a crew is prepping some other areas on Smith Rd, Finefrock, and CR 41. These should all be seeded by the end of today.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Plow damage areas were repaired
- Berm reclaiming continuous in the southwest corner of the county
- All the Snow fence has been taken down
- Areas around town were mowed for the first time this season