

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

The details about the Turnpike grade separation repairs have finally been completed. We have signed a "Letter of Understanding" that covers details not in the Law. We have also reviewed and approved the plans for TR 226 and that project will be bid in the very near future with the actual construction completed yet this year. The remaining ten (10) will be completed over the next three years.

We have also worked out an agreement to repair the leaking roof drains on Building 11. We have agreed to pay a third of the cost to be sure that a premium cast iron assembly will be used that should last indefinitely. Let's hope so, anyhow. Our cost will be about \$1,000. Repairs are to be made by the end of this month.

We have also received a formal agreement on CR 259 regarding mowing to protect the rare Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid. Basically it says we will only make a narrow road cut when it is in bloom. Once it has gone to seed, mowing won't bother it. We can easily do this and if it means protecting a rare plant, so much the better!

We will be having an employee meeting on May 16th. So be prepared to ask any questions you may have.

Best wishes go out to retired Drainage Engineer Carl Hahn for recovery from his recent heart problems. Many of you may not know Carl, but he is the man who developed the procedures and specifications we still use on petition ditches about 50 years ago. Good job Carl!

We have actually survived the first week after Dave Beeker's retirement. I know it was difficult for many of us, but hopefully it will get easier with each passing week! Congratulations Dave!!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY (YEARS OF COUNTY EMPLOYMENT)

Eddie Fisher May 15th 22 years

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

It's only been a week, but we are missing Dave already it's just not the same without him floating around making his jokes! It is nice on the other hand to have someone to blame everything on!:) The bad thing is Dave's blaming will be short lived; in less than a month we will be blaming everything on Dean R. after he retires!

Well, the rain has continued to fall the last few weeks, but next week is looking good for sunshine and personally I can't wait! We went out a few times for high water but it didn't get too bad. The wind on the other hand kept us a little busier. Other than Mother Nature here are some things we have done over the last two weeks.....

- A new concrete floor was poured in bldg. #7 by Daniel Miller Cement Finishing.
- The new barricades were finished being painted.
- Steve and Andy washed the dump trucks and plows and gave them a thorough oiling.
- Steve and Eric did some more berm dragging and are about wrapped up for the year.
- The floors were buffed for Dave's big retirement party.
- A tile was replaced on Hayes Ave.
- Perry took down the "Ice on Bridge" signs.
- Tim and his crew started getting supplies around and tying cages for Sa 128-2.80.
- Vehicles were washed and the tractors got washed and waxed.
- A catch basin on E. State Street was repaired.
- Plow damage at St. Rt. 20 and C.R.175 was cleaned up.
- The spots around town were mowed with the Simplicity.